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POWERFUL BRITISH THRUSTS

Two powerful thrusts which are pushing the Italians daily nearer the Red Sea have brought the British forces right up to Keren, a town on the main road and railway from Agordat to Massawa, according to latest reports from the Eritrean front.

The thrusts are rapidly increasing the pace of the Italian retreat from Barentu towards a point 20 miles to the east.

The enemy is reported to be making attempts to resist at Keren, no doubt chiefly because local conditions favour them in this respect, but they have come under British fire from batteries brought up the hillside in the last few hours.

In the sector east of Barentu the

CYRENAICA FALLS TO THE BRITISH

With the capture of Benghazi the whole of Cyrenaica, apart from a few isolated posts south of Benghazi, is now in British hands.

This statement was made to the press by a British military spokesman in Cairo last night, says a Reuter despatch.

Italians have been so persistently harassed that it is very unlikely that more than half their original force will reach the main road from Asmara (capital of Eritrea) to Addis Ababa (capital of Abyssinia).

It is along this road that they obviously hope to make a getaway more effectively.—Reuter.

British Forces Appear Like Bolt Out Of The Desert

(By Reuter's Correspondent With British General Headquarters in the Middle East)

WITH ANOTHER LIGHTNING LEAP FORWARD IN THEIR RECORD-BREAKING ADVANCE ACROSS NORTH AFRICA, BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES YESTERDAY ENTERED BENGHAZI, LAST ITALIAN STRONGHOLD IN EASTERN LIBYA, AFTER A SWIFT AND SUDDEN BATTLE IN A BLINDING SANDSTORM. ITALIAN RESISTANCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN NEGLIGIBLE.

An idea of the magnitude of the British success can be obtained from consideration of the fact that less than two months have elapsed since the beginning of the offensive, yet British troops are now 400 miles from Sidi Barrani and 600 miles from Alexandria.

To-day British uniforms can be seen in the palm-lined avenues of Benghazi, providing the bewildered inhabitants with evidence of the crack-up of the Italian Empire.

Despite the rapidity with which Benghazi has fallen a complete scheme for British administration of the occupied territory is already in existence.

Looking back on the whole campaign it is clear that British tanks played an astonishing role, charging forward hundreds of miles and taking one point after another completely by surprise.

In the case of Libya the British advance has been carried out not only by coast roads but also by the interior road running clear across Cyrenaica behind a mountain range.

LUFTWAFFE RAID EAST ANGLIA

Little enemy air activity occurred over Great Britain yesterday.

During the morning, states an Air Ministry announcement, bombs were dropped by a single enemy aircraft on a town on the north-west coast of Scotland, injuring a small number of people.

Another aircraft in the afternoon attacked a town on the east Anglian coast where some damage was done and there was a number of casualties, including some fatal.—Reuter.

R.A.F. HAMMER AT INVASION PORTS

WAVES OF R.A.F. bombers last night made an attack of considerable scale on the invasion ports on the French coast. Centre of the attack appeared to be in the Boulogne area which was heavily bombed the previous night.

The fog had blotted out the English Channel all day but last night there was some improvement, although a layer of mist hung over the sea.

Goering Message To R.A.F.

A wireless message from Goering to the Royal Air Force was transmitted after the death in action of Captain Wreck, German air ace, in November last year, the German radio revealed yesterday.

Wreck was shot down on November 28 and Goering thereafter radioed a message asking news of his fate.

Two days later the R.A.F. replied that Wreck was neither in a

The raiders, which dropped parachute flares, were met by a terrific anti-aircraft barrage of streams of tracer bullets and "flaming onions" which could be seen on the south-east coast above the fog.

The explosion of heavy bombs echoed across the Channel at frequent intervals and the sky was lit up by brilliant flashes.

After the raid had been in progress for an hour or two vivid sheets of orange flames shot up from a point east of Boulogne accompanied by violent explosions which shook docks and windows of houses on the Kent coast, and soon afterwards a bright red glow spread across the sky apparently due to a fierce fire which was itself screened by the fog in the banks of the Channel.—Reuter.

British prison camp nor could his name be found in the list of identified German casualties, the announcer added.

He also said that German naval units searched the sea for traces of Wreck but failed to find any.—Reuter.

Motor Race To Benghazi

"A magnificent effort: our forces must have had a motor race; extraordinary how the Italians cleared out."

This comment was made in Melbourne yesterday by Major-General Sturdee, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Imperial Forces, when he was told of the capture of Benghazi.

Major-General Sturdee arrived in Melbourne last month from the Middle East.

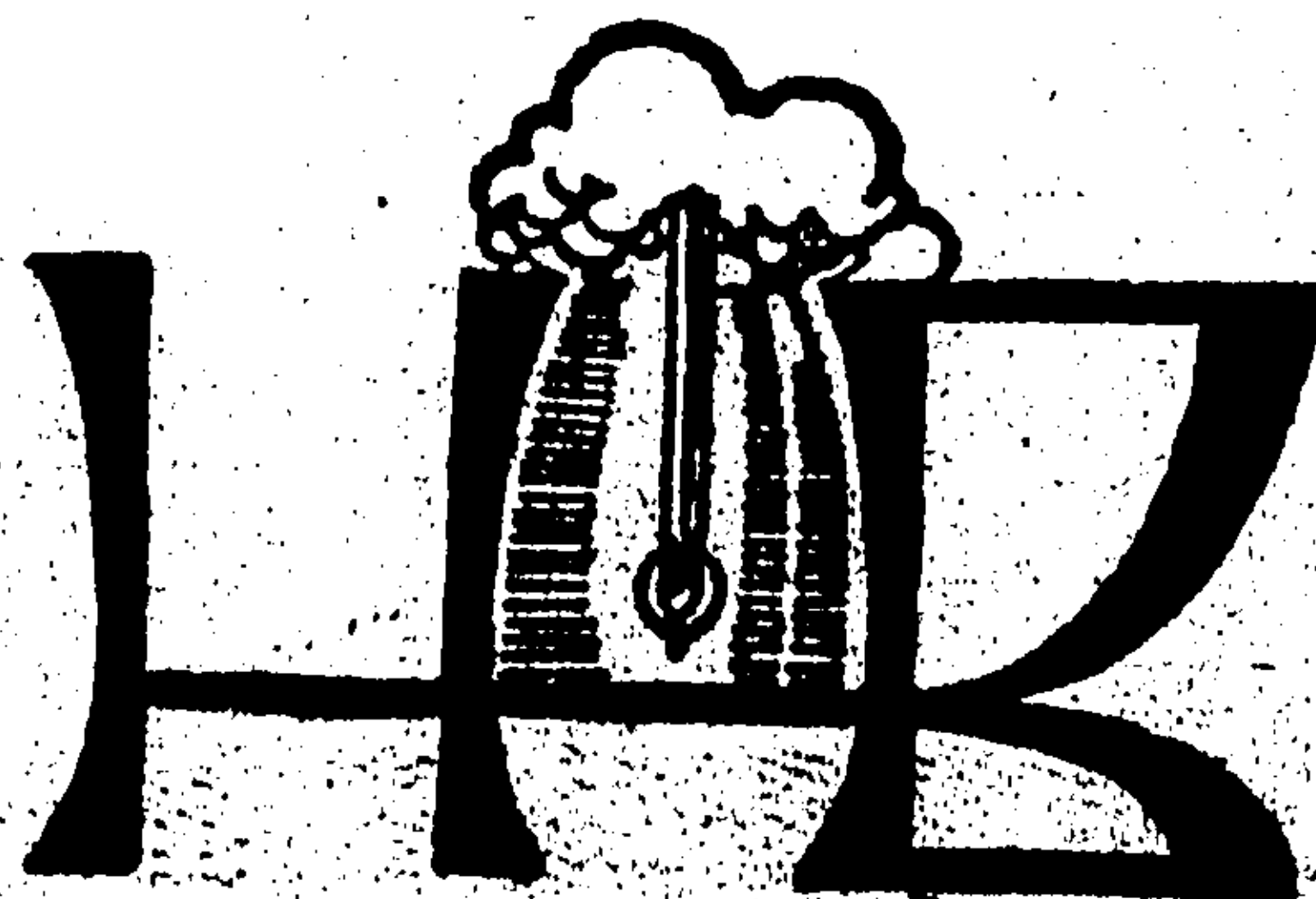
Mr. Fadden, acting Commonwealth Prime Minister, said he was delighted at this culmination to the brilliant success of "our Australian boys."—Reuter.

Master Stroke

The capture of Benghazi was another master stroke of strategy comparable with the capture of Sidi Barrani. The Italians had expected the attack to come along the coastal roads, through most difficult

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HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Battle Of Abyssinia: South African Troops Take Gorai

Springboks Attack In Wilderness

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the South African Forces in Abyssinia)

THE BATTLE FOR ABYSSINIA IS NOW UNDER WAY. SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN LARGE NUMBERS CROSSED THE BORDER FROM KENYA AND CAPTURED A STRONG ITALIAN POST AT GORAI CRATER, 20 MILES INSIDE ABYSSINIA.

The Italians suffered considerable losses both in men and materials. At least 30 Italians were killed and about the same number wounded and 47 taken prisoner.

This action was a blitz battle carried out with superb generalship and great courage by troops who never previously had been in action.

Two days later the Springboks crossed the border over which it had hitherto appeared impossible to move an army. In 48 hours engineers had cut a road through wilderness at the surprising speed of one mile an hour.

The two forces penetrated into Abyssinia simultaneously. The task of one was to capture and hold the fortified position of El Gumu, junction of the road from Gorai to Ganchiaro.

Sharp Fight

The second force was to capture and hold the Gorai front. Both tasks were completed the same day.

Taken at four o'clock in the afternoon, Gorai was occupied an hour later after a sharp engagement lasting 50 minutes.

Gorai was taken by an infantry unit containing some of South Africa's youngest regiments formed since the outbreak of the war.

After preliminary skirmishes, guns pounded the Italians in trenches and rock-built pillboxes and the fort was then carried by swift, intensive onslaughts.

Gorai is an extinct volcano containing sulphurous water which is strategically important in an almost waterless zone.—Reuter.

VICEROY'S WAR FUND PAYMENTS

WITH SPONTANEOUS GIFTS POURING IN AT AN AVERAGE MONTHLY RATE OF £127,000 THE VICEROY'S WAR FUND POSSES FUND TOTALLED WELL OVER £2,000,000 AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

Of this total over £1,000,000 was sent to England, including £668,000 for aircraft for the R.A.F., £113,000 for the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Fund and £24,000 for the British Red Cross Society.

Payments made in India from the Fund included £175,000 for warplanes and £50,000 for amenities for the troops.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL TO BROADCAST

A Reuter message from London states that Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, will broadcast in the B.B.C. Home and Overseas services to-morrow at 8.00 p.m. G.M.T.

TREASURY FINANCING OPERATION

Financial transactions involving nearly £90,000,000 between the United Kingdom Government and the Indian Government were announced by the British Treasury yesterday.

Holders of five Indian Government sterling loans are to sell them to the British Treasury at the price ruling at the close of business yesterday.

The British Treasury will then hand them over to the Indian Government at the same price for cancellation.

Payments will be made by the Indian Government out of large sterling balances which have been accumulated by the Indian Government since the outbreak of war as a result of the large increase in British imports from India.

Decision to do this was made following the realisation that India's large sterling balances might properly be used for debt redemption.—Reuter.

BENGHAZI IMPROVES SENTIMENT

Sentiment on the London Stock Exchange, which early yesterday was depressed on taxation uncertainties, sharply improved on news of the capture of Benghazi. Widespread small losses generally were regained. Net gains were recorded in several sections of industrial, including textiles and tobacco. Oils improved while gilt-edged and South African minings generally were unchanged on the day. Among foreign bonds Belgian 4 per cent. continued to advance. Wall Street was dull and easy.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT MESSAGE DELIVERED

A personal letter from President Roosevelt was delivered to General Chiang Kai-shek yesterday by Mr. Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to China, who landed in Chungking by air from Hong Kong.—Reuter.

ITALIANS LITERALLY MOWN DOWN

According to Athens Radio last night, large Greek forces are advancing on the Albanian front. Italian infantrymen were literally mown down by Greek fire in a two hours abortive attack.

The announcer stated that the Italians were driven back leaving many dead on the battlefield.

Greek forces made a bayonet charge and drove the Italians beyond their lines taking many prisoners and a considerable quantity of war material.

This desperate attack by the Italians was launched when the weather was still bad and was supported by an artillery barrage.—Reuter.

TAMSHUI CHECK TO JAPANESE

THE JAPANESE TROOPS who landed at Aotow, a small village on the sandy beach of Bias Bay, have been checked at Tamshui, 10 miles inland from Bias Bay, on their drive toward Waiyeung (Waichow).

A part of the Japanese force pushed northward from Tamshui on Wednesday morning but were severely beaten and driven back. Fighting continues around Tamshui.

Japanese troops driving from Shumchun to Pingwu on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway have been forced to turn eastward after encountering stiff Chinese resistance. They first moved to Wongkong, six miles to the east of the railway, and thence to Lungkong, north-east of Wongkong.

Both Pingwu and Wongkong are now cleared of Japanese troops.

According to a report from Sze-wui, a Japanese attempt to land at Chanchuen in the Shuntak district on Tuesday morning was foiled by the Chinese. The invaders retreated at noon, abandoning many dead.—Central News.

10 Miles From Waichow

The "China Mail" learns that harassed by Chinese guerilla units, the Japanese advancing on Waichow from Tamshui and other directions have been compelled to halt and await further reinforcements from Bias Bay and Shumchun.

The vanguard last night was still about 10 miles south of Waichow where small but strongly-armed mobile Chinese units are carrying out continuous attacks on the Japanese lines of communication.

Reinforcements with large supplies of war materials were disembarked at Namtau and points in Bias Bay and these are now on their way to the front.

While consolidating their positions south of Waichow the Japanese troops are being protected by aircraft which are raiding Chinese troop concentrations and Waichow, which is gradually being evacuated of civilians.

DESTROYER SHOOT DOWN A DORNIER

The British destroyer Vanity has shot down a German Dornier twin-engined bomber which was attempting to attack a convoy.

An Admiralty communique says a direct hit was made on the enemy aircraft which crashed into the sea. There were no survivors. No damage or casualty was sustained by the convoy or the destroyer.—Reuter.

EXPANSION OF INDIAN ARMY

The expansion of the armed forces in India has resulted in such a demand for ex-Servicemen, that some 20,000 have already rejoined in various static roles in garrison companies and guards for bridges, strategic railways and prisoners of war, thus releasing younger men for field service.

The flow of recruits for the regular army thus continues uninterrupted and the expansion programmes are proceeding to schedule.

Many Territorial units which were trained to a certain point are also being invited to join the regular army. In one instance a whole battalion responded.

There is also increased enlistment for the I.A.O.C. where 500 young Indians are training as responsible storemen (combatant) to replace British and other ranks and to act as reserves.

The output of the Small Arms School is increasing by several hundred Viceroy's commissioned officers and Indian N.C.O.s.

A school is being established to train 1,200 unit clerks (combatant) for cavalry, infantry and artillery a year.

The Regiment of Indian Artillery is being strengthened by expanding the output of the Artillery School.—Reuter.

DANGER HOVERING OVER GERMANY

"DANGER HOVERS over everybody in Germany," declared General Milch, Inspector-General of the Luftwaffe, in a talk on the air defences of Germany, broadcast on Bremen radio last night.

General Milch added that because of this danger everyone who believed in the future of the German people must remain calm and consider "how small is the total damage done by the English."

REJOICING IN ATHENS

The news of the capture of Benghazi was received in Athens yesterday afternoon with unbounded joy and enthusiasm, states the Athens Radio.

"It had been confidently expected that this important Italian military and naval centre would fall to the British commanders' strategy," said the announcer, "but the rapidity of the advance has taken the world by surprise almost as much as the Italians themselves."

"A significant detail is the relief with which the British liberators were received by the Italian colonists in African towns, they

"Remember that the great goal can be reached only if you clench your teeth and do your bit in the great task. It is a great thing if a tired out worker who spends half the night in a shelter can clock in punctually the next day."

General Milch added that experiences had shown that the A.R.P. service in Germany had stood the test and was a model for the rest of the world.

Air attacks on Germany had achieved only a limited effect in isolated cases and taken as a whole effect was only negligible. That was due to the farsighted planning of A.R.P. by Goering.

General Milch concluded: "Our confidence in the German air force is the best guarantee that the enemy by his air attacks will never succeed in shaking our people's will to victory."—Reuter.

take. "Our congratulations go to our great ally. Well done!" — Reuter.

COMPLETE ITALIAN COLLAPSE

Wavell Forces Have A Picnic In Libyan Desert

Tripoli The Next British Objective?

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE FALL OF BENGHAZI, THOUGH INEVITABLE, TOOK PLACE SOONER THAN WAS THOUGHT POSSIBLE. ITALIAN RESISTANCE IN CYRENAICA MUST HAVE COLLAPSED COMPLETELY.

With the exception of one rear-guard action there seems to have been little more called for from the British troops after Derna than to face the fatigues of rapid marches.

It will be interesting to learn whether the last of the Italian Army of Cyrenaica surrendered round Benghazi or whether its remnants are trying a long retreat towards Tripoli, a retreat which would indeed be a dreadful one, harassed and attacked from the air by the Royal Air Force and possibly on the road by day and night by hostile Arab bands.

The great strategic question of a further advance on Tripoli itself remains to be decided. It will undoubtedly call for a great British Staff effort to organise lines of supply, but command of the sea and the air in North Africa will be of material assistance.

No Undue Risk

From all information available it does not appear that the Italians could assemble a large and powerful force before Tripoli and in those circumstances there is no undue strategic risk in undertaking this further advance.

There are many reasons which urge advance. The great moral effect on the Italians themselves as well as on the world at large, including Britain's other enemies, are not the only advantages to be seized by the capture of Tripoli.

There is the possession of a good harbour which would be of great importance for the support of British naval operations in central and western Mediterranean bases. Possession of aerodromes there, nearer to Malta and Sicily than any others at present available, is well worth fighting for.

Resistance Waning

Moreover, it is important on this occasion at least to forestall Nazi occupation.

The general Italian collapse, however, is not confined to Libya. British advances in Abyssinia are rapid and highly successful. In Eritrea, the British have captured another 3,500 prisoners since their attack opened.

Prolonged Italian resistance does not seem possible to Italians in Africa. Even if they attempt to stand at Keren or Asmara, both these important places can be turned from the south and the British advance on Mezewa continued. In Albania, the Greeks have overcome terrific problems of pre-

ITALIANS TO BE PUT TO WORK

Four thousand Italian prisoners of war will be employed on the construction of the national road from Capetown to Worcester and through Moutagu Pass.

The remainder of a total of 20,000 prisoners which the South African Government has agreed to accommodate will be employed in other state departments.—Reuter.

clipses, snow and poor roads and may soon be expected to burst into the more open coastal district which it is hoped will presage the early fall of Valona and then Durazzo.—Reuter.

MR. J. WHYATT'S NEW DELHI APPOINTMENT

While Major-General W. C. Holden will be the officer in charge of the central provision office to be established as a result of the Eastern Group Conference, it is understood in New Delhi that Mr. J. Whyatt, one of the advisers to the Hong Kong delegation to the conference, will be secretary of the Eastern Group Supply Council.

Mr. Whyatt, who is Crown Counsel in Hong Kong, has already arrived in Delhi.—Reuter.

TOO MUCH "LIMELIGHT"

(By AN AIR GUNNER)

PEOPLE OFTEN wonder how airmen manage to keep themselves warm on long-distance night flights. As a matter of fact, it isn't so difficult for the boys in front to keep comfy. There are four of them packed pretty snugly together, with room enough, if they want to, to stretch, kick; or take a short stroll.

Besides this, they are not far away from the warm, busy engines, and have indoor heating as well. Many a time on the long cruises over to Germany, poor old "Tail End Charlie," the rear gunner, envies them their cosy comfort.

"Pass the coffee, Johnnie" he hears on the intercommunicating telephone. Or, "Yes, those searchlights must be Cologne. Just time for another sandwich."

Tail End Charlie takes a deep suck at his oxygen mask and wishes that he was there with them; but he mustn't move. It is his duty and a point of honour that he stays in his little glass turret from the moment he enters the aircraft till the time when she comes back to earth. If he is large (and some air gunners are large), by the time he has crammed himself in, with all his warm clothing, his flying suit, parachute harness, and so on, the turret and Tail End Charlie are pretty well all in one piece. His freedom of action is whittled down to leaning to one side or the other, raising himself a few inches up from his seat, and alternately resting his leather-swathed arms on top of, or under his guns.

Eight or nine hours of this sort of confinement will call for a lot of endurance, as may be imagined, added to which the temperature may be well below freezing for a long time—a chill atmosphere that sweeps right through old Tail End Charlie's assortment of flying suits, scarves, shirts and vests, be they ever so woolly.

Dead On

One night, somewhere out towards Dusseldorf I began to feel rather cold. We were battling about through the clouds and occasional rain squalls, and there was no moon. We had dived pretty low on our target, in spite of searchlights and "flak", and when the Observer announced "bombs gone", and we were heading for home, I felt that a little hot coffee would do me a great deal of good.

We were still in the clouds and there did not seem much likelihood of stray fighters, so I opened my turret doors and reached back into the draughty gloom of the

fuselage for my thermos, nipped on one side.

I had just taken a life-saving gulp when we sailed out into clear sky. A searchlight was stabbing straight upwards on our port quarter, and out of the bank of clouds, right through the beam of the searchlight, an aircraft came sailing towards us. I had just time to see its twin rudders and crosses, when the searchlight, with five or six more, fastened dead on my turret!

Literally, I was very much in the limelight, rather like a nervous actor spotlighted before a great audience—and a hostile audience at that. I felt that the eyes of all Dusseldorf dwelt on me, there in my turret. Only a day or two earlier Haw Haw had said how amazed Dusseldorfers were, because, quite by mischance one of our bombs had bumped off their Chief of Police, a harmless and most worthy citizen. So Haw Haw had said.

The light was so bright that my thermos shone like a diamond and I hastily put it away. But of course my chief thought was to look for that fighter. I reported him to the pilot, who swung away to starboard and dived. Just as he did so, the fighter shot over my head, only a few feet above us.

I swung the turret across, and then—Heavens!—I remembered I had forgotten to shut myself in. Another half second and the open doors would have been torn off in the slipstream, and the turret rendered quite useless; but I halted it just in time.

The next few minutes, while in the full glare of the searchlights I struggled to get the doors shut, will stay in my mind as one of life's nastiest periods. If the fighter came back, I was done—and so were the rest of the crew—all through my own foolishness.

With hands fumbling behind me, I stared right and left through the golden haze, every moment expecting to see the spurt of his

R.A.F.'S PART IN BENGHAZI COUP

R.A.F. ACTIVITIES before the capture of Benghazi are described in a communiqué issued from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo yesterday.

It says that bombing aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out raids on Benghazi, Berka and Jedabya during Wednesday night; several tons of bombs were dropped and considerable damage caused, including one enemy aircraft destroyed by a direct hit.

Our fighters continued offensive patrols during which machine-gun attacks were made on the aerodrome at Benina and a number of enemy bombers on the ground were damaged. At Benghazi our fighters patrolled without encountering any enemy opposition.

Air Battle

Dealing with Italian East Africa the communiqué added that a South African Air Force squadron patrolling near Asmara encountered enemy fighters and shot down two of them. Other aircraft of the same Squadron machine-gunned Bahdar aerodrome, destroying three enemy aircraft and causing a large petrol fire.

Keren was again bombed, particularly the railway and military buildings, while bombs were also dropped on a large transport yard at Assab.

In Albania military objectives west of Tepelini and Krahad were bombed on Thursday and direct hits on military stores and motor transports observed.

The weather during the raid was very bad but no British aircraft were lost.—Reuter.

A CREDIT BALANCE

The Intelligence Officer of a Royal Air Force Station in the south has compiled a balance sheet for one of the squadrons operating from the station. He says, "The Squadron would like to point out that their estimates for enemy types may be a bit astray; it is possible that they have been a bit conservative about the Ju. 88 and Do. 17. Apart from its entertainment value it might be useful if all squadrons worked out a similar balance sheet, as the debit side would make them a little more conscious of their liabilities as well as of their assets."

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Ju. 88's (6 1/2 at £15,000)	97,500
Do. 17's (4 at £15,000)	60,000
He. 111's (18 at £25,000)	450,000
He. 113 (1 at £10,000)	10,000
	£950,833
Hurricanes lost (26 at £25,000 each)	£1,300,000
Credit Balance	820,833
	£2,050,833

tracers. Not till we had passed again into the safety of clouds could I shut those vile doors, and even then I had to ask them to send up the wireless man to fasten them for me. Luckily we saw no more of the fighter. He must have sailed on over our heads when we did the steep dive.

We have a rule in our Squadron that anyone who forgets to close turret doors or is guilty of similar stupidity pays for the damage, and a further forfeit as well. That forfeit paid for a round of drinks for our crew. I don't think they even guessed what a narrow squeak it had been!

WARSHIPS REPLACE TRAWLERS

In Grimsby, hard hit by the inroads of war on its fishing industry, there is already talk of the town becoming a second Devonport. Grimsby and the Navy will never again be dissociated.

Steps for the expansion of naval activities at the port have already been taken. After the war they will be consolidated. Docks that once knew only fish will have new uses.

With its trawler fleet reduced, the town is making a desperate struggle to keep alive the industry which has been its chief source of existence for about ninety years, and made it, the world's centre of the fish trade.

1914 Debacle

Twice in a quarter of a century Grimsby's fish industry has passed through a period of threatened annihilation. Trawler owners and merchants who saw the 1914 debacle recall the ten years' fight after the Armistice to retrieve lost markets, reorganise fishing fleets and modernise equipment.

"We are passing through gloomier days this time," one merchant said.

Geographically, Grimsby has always been an ideal port for fish. Geographically, too, it now commends itself to the naval authorities. One claim will have to predominate. The future alone will decide which.

DEMOCRATS CAUGHT AT LUNCH

MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WERE DETERMINED TO SEND THE LEASE AND LEND BILL TO THE SENATE BEFORE THE END OF YESTERDAY, WITH "NO MORE CONCESSIONS."

Yesterday they attempted to remove the amendment proposed by the Republican Representative Dirksen on Monday empowering Congress to terminate the Bill at any time.

The House adopted this amendment, while 65 Democrats were out at lunch.—Reuter.

AID AMENDMENT REJECTED

The House of Representatives, by 150 votes to 125, rejected an amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill to specify "transfer of sovereignty over territorial possessions in the Western Hemisphere" as among methods whereby foreign countries could repay the United States for her aid.—Reuter.

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GERMAN INVASION ATTEMPT "DOOMED TO FAILURE"

ANY GERMAN attempt to invade Britain is "doomed to failure" and General Wavell's lightning victories in Libya "are decidedly checking Hitler's plans in the Mediterranean and North Africa."

These were the two main points made by the Polish Premier and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, General Sikorski, broadcasting to Poles in Poland from London last night.

RISK LIVES FOR 2'6

By A Special Correspondent

"Welbeck 1721... Calling the 'Air Risk Taxi Squad'!" No gunfire is too heavy or bombs too frequent for these toughest of London's cabbies to turn in the job, and few of them have even a tin hat for protection.

There are twenty-three of these cabbies in all. Their headquarters is a little wooden hut in the West End.

"But it's as safe as houses," said tubby Bomber Lewis (the boys all go by the name of Bomber). "It's got three coats of bombproof paint on the roof."

Bomber Lewis has lost the use of three fingers through shrapnel.

He Is Shy
One of the oldest members of the squad is Bert Neville. He is nearing sixty. During the Spanish war he was an officer in the International Brigade.

He is shy and retiring, doesn't drink or smoke, and has risked his life for a half-crown fare more times than he can count.

Then there is Harry Gould, whose journey was cut short the other night by a pile of bricks and debris which covered him and his cab.

"It was a funny feeling," he said. "But I says if it's got your ticket on it, well, your number's up."

"Just couldn't have had my ticket on that packet. Made a nasty mess of the cab, though."

This civilian suicide squad is well known in the West End. Night revellers, war workers and the members of the Services are always sure of a lift home if there's someone at H.Q. to answer the call.

Last week all twenty-three cabbies turned out to take to their destinations a number of soldiers stranded at one of the stations. And they got only their bare fares.

Through The Blitz
"We don't mind doing it in cases like that—we'll turn out to help anyone—but we do have a grouse when those who can afford more give us only a threepenny tip after taking a half-crown ride through the Blitz," said one of the men.
"The workers give us the squarest deal."
Besides taxi driving, these men run a rescue squad. When there is no reply to Welbeck 1721 they are generally to be found extinguishing incendiary bombs or, like they did the other week, rescuing people from local bombings.
Taxi driver Borders, husband of Mrs. Portia Borders, who featured in the headlines when she conducted her own case against a building society before the war, is among this gang. His hand was plastered when I met him.
"Just shrapnel," he said.

He stated: "The Germans cannot undertake any serious action in Africa without the occupation of French territories in the Mediterranean."

"But they must first take possession of Malta and it is imperative for Hitler to defeat the invincible British Navy in order to carry German land forces across the sea."

Only Solution
"A brutal and conclusive invasion of Britain remains for them the only solution."
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PUT SOCK IN IT

Pilots and crew find all manner of means of passing the time when they are waiting to go on operations. The usual games are popular: cards, darts, chess, and so on. Some write letters, some read. One bomber pilot, seeking variation, went off to the nearest town and returned with an assortment of wool, some knitting needles and a book of instructions. Three weeks later he had just turned the heel of his first sock, the others taking a hand from time to time. The result was a bit rough, but as a sock it was quite recognisable.

The other day the pilot returned from a trip over enemy territory. The Intelligence Officer was busy taking the report of another crew and there was a slight delay. Out came the knitting. The pilot had carried it with him over Germany. He sat there, in his leather flying jacket and boots, industriously making his steady way towards the toe.

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BOY PILOT LEFT DEATH NOTE TO MOTHER

"PLEASE DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME. Remember I died for a cause we all believe in."

A Surrey mother, whose son was the youngest operating sergeant pilot in the R.A.F., read this in a letter her boy left in case he did not return from a hazardous flight over Germany. He did not return.

Sergeant-Pilot Ronald Lewis, of Summer Road, Thames Ditton, who was only sixteen when he joined the R.A.F., was killed in action a month before his eighteenth birthday.

He had made many flights over Germany and one over the Alps to Italy.

His mother, Mrs. Margot Lewis, says in a letter:

"I have just read with pride an account of an unknown mother and her warrior son. Only we mothers of the boys of the R.A.F. know the full meaning of the words 'failed to return'."

"I have my son's last letter and his photo in flying kit beside me as I write, and he just looks a typical example of English boyhood ready to do any deed, great or small, to help."

Oxygen Failed

"Well, he did so much. Even although he was so young, he

was picked to go on the first Italian trip through the Alps the night Italy declared war.

"His oxygen failed him on the journey, and he had frostbitten fingers—as he said, 'just enough to earn him four days' sick leave.'"

When Sergeant-Pilot Lewis visited his old school—he was an elementary schoolboy—he talked to the boys and kept them so interested that it was well after their time to leave when they went home. They have asked for his photograph to enlarge and hang in the school.

His wing commander praised his good work in a letter to Mrs. Lewis, and said how much all the officers and men of his squadron missed him.

BOMBER'S UNUSUAL FEAT

HOW AN R.A.F. BOMBER SUCCESSFULLY SHOT DOWN AN ENEMY FIGHTER BY NIGHT—AN UNUSUAL FEAT—IS DESCRIBED BY THE SERGEANT AIR-GUNNER.

"We were on our way back from bombing Hamburg. Two anti-aircraft shells had hit us, but the aircraft was still in good shape. Over Bremerhaven the searchlights caught us but there was no attempt to renew the anti-aircraft fire. Very soon we saw why they were letting us alone."

"An Me. 109 was coming for us from behind the searchlight beam, and when I saw it there was only a hundred yards between us. There was a burst of machine-gun fire and quite a number of bullets hit us."

"I fired both guns and caught the Me. just as it did a steep bank right over our wing—my pilot told me afterwards that he saw it flash past our nose with flames pouring from it. A few seconds later I saw the Me. again. It was plunging straight down. Hitting the ground it exploded at once."

NURSE KILLED IN HOSPITAL

A nurse was killed in a large hospital, one of the buildings hit when a raider dropped two salvos of bombs on a town in the home counties.

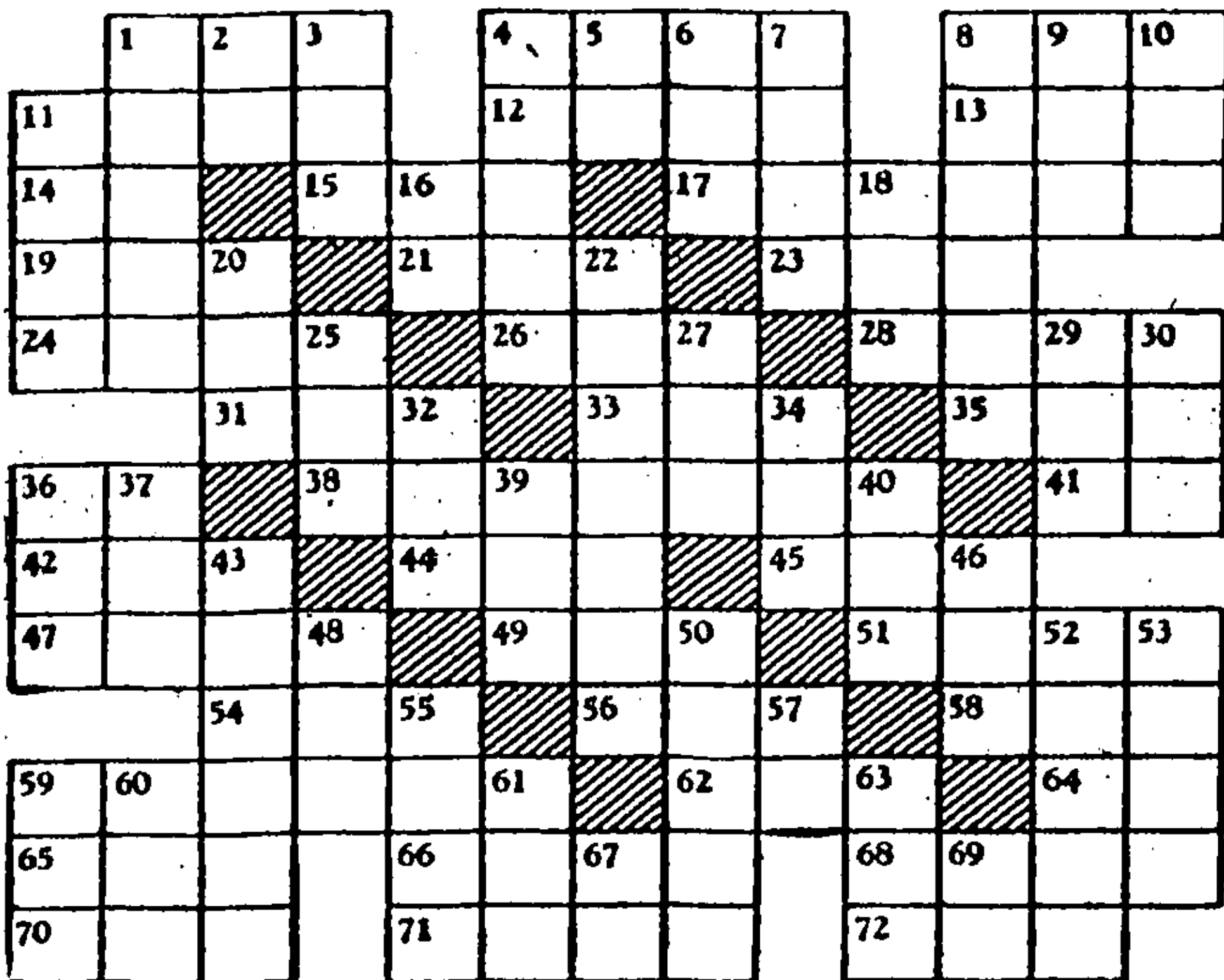
One of the private houses destroyed was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brush, who were buried in the debris.

When rescue parties got them out, Mrs. Brush was dead. Her husband was taken to hospital.

When a bomb hit a house in an outlying district, Mrs. Hall was killed, but her husband, Mr. J. Hall, who was apparently sleeping in the next room, escaped uninjured.

His bedroom was tilted outwards and he was able to climb down over the debris.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Tropical fruit
- 4 To shear
- 8 Couch
- 11 Corn bread
- 12 Nimbus
- 13 Female ruff
- 14 Conjunction
- 15 Article
- 17 Beautiful
- 19 To haul
- 21 Worm
- 23 Inlet
- 24 Indication
- 26 Posed
- 28 Asterisk
- 31 Colloquial; angry
- 33 To promise
- 35 Dried grass
- 36 Concerning
- 38 Flautist
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 To take illegally from
- 44 To catch
- 45 Fermenting; vat
- 47 Edge
- 49 Convened
- 51 Auroral
- 54 Tibetan gazelle
- 55 Body of water
- 58 Small

VERTICAL

- 1 Public assembly
- 2 Preposition
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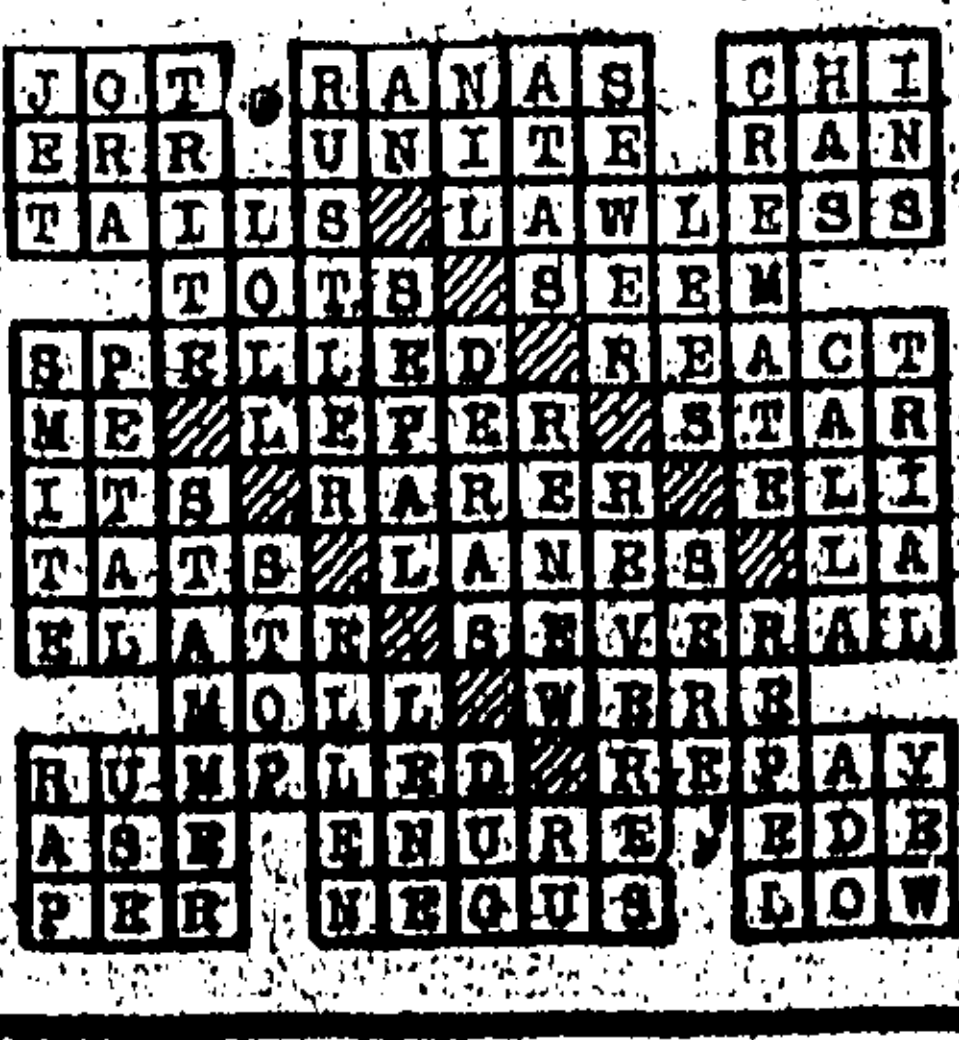
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VERTICAL

- 9 Lamprey
- 10 Tunisian ruler
- 11 Game played on horseback
- 16 Pronoun
- 18 Potency
- 20 Jewel
- 22 Wild men
- 25 To slumber
- 27 Bushy clump
- 29 Dutch weight
- 30 Cereal grass
- 32 Gentle blow
- 34 Damp
- 36 Globe
- 37 Because
- 39 Sheep
- 40 Owing
- 42 Receding bays
- 44 At present
- 46 Extinct bird
- 48 To tantalise
- 50 Eagle's nest
- 52 To require
- 55 God of war
- 57 By
- 59 To weaken
- 60 Wing
- 61 Constellation
- 63 Vast age
- 67 Pronoun
- 69 Brother of Odin

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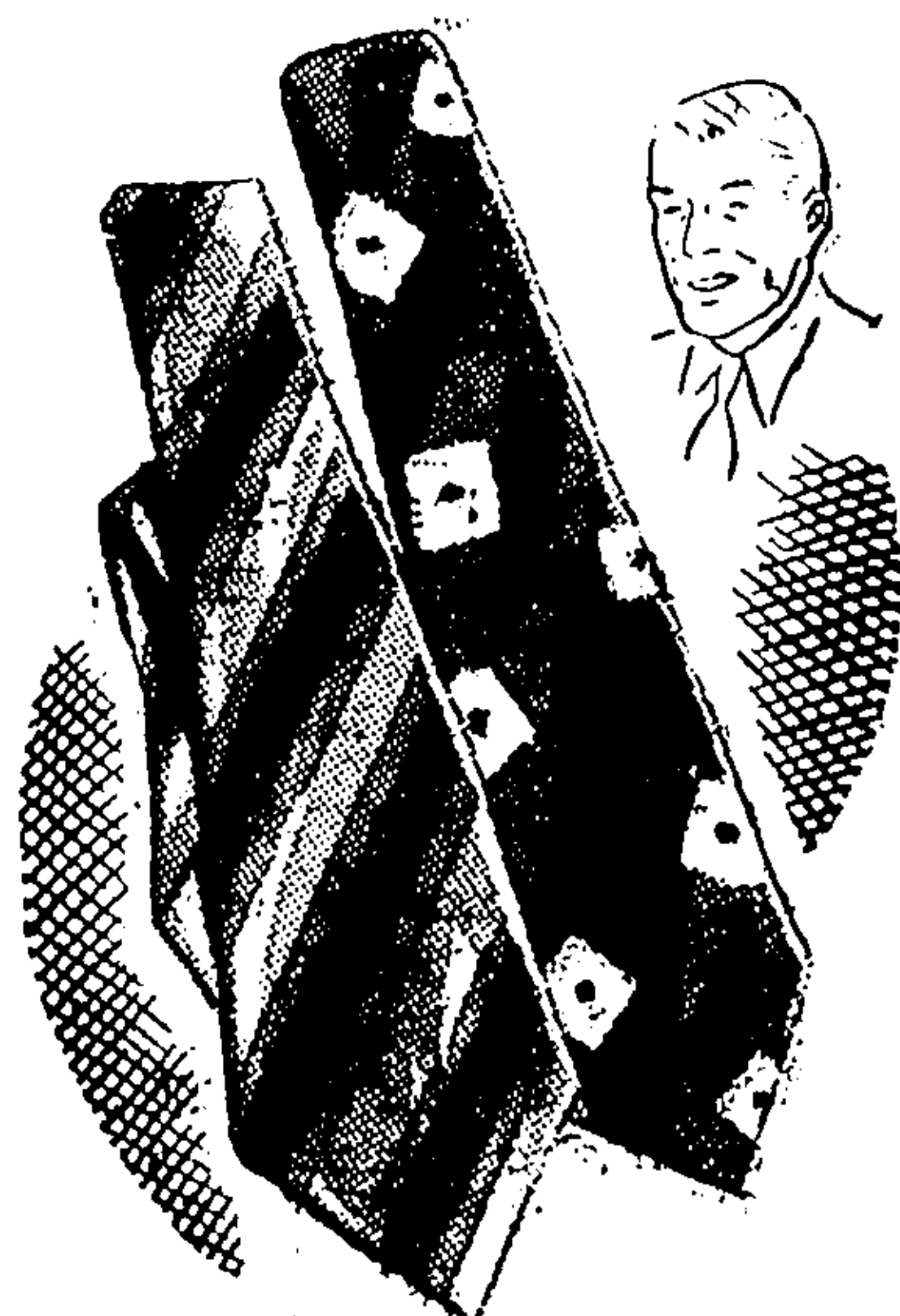
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BUTTERFLY FARM SLEEPS IN THE BLITZ

(By A London Correspondent)

I WENT ROUND a certain place somewhere in England recently, where shrapnel had been whistling and glass had crashed and blast had buffeted; but where production went on very quietly, apparently uninterrupted though the sirens wailed even while I was investigating.

It was a very quiet branch of production altogether, come to that. It was a butterfly farm, the London butterfly farm.

The butterflies folded their wings and slept, as they, the hibernating sort, will, the winter through. The caterpillars disguised themselves as bits of bark on the trees, where they enjoyed the illusion of freedom—though if they only knew it there is a linen sack round them and the tree—as they sleep.

University Order

I shan't be surprised if every now and then this winter I look back with a certain wistfulness at this picture of these small creatures sleeping, in spite of the bombs, right through to spring, 1941.

I talked to the farmer proprietor, founder of the only butterfly farm that exists, Mr. L. W. Newman, whose farmhouse is in Bexley.

He was engaged in filling an order for 6,000 chrysalises for Birmingham University. Quite a cheap butterfly, cabbage whites, penny apiece.

Who are the other customers?

I asked the farmer. Collectors, schools, researchers, landowners who'll buy an assorted batch to release and prettify their estate (unless they fly to the next-door estate); these were some he mentioned.

Official Interest

Researchers making insecticides and sprays sometimes buy a stock to try out their wares with. At least once even a Government sent high official personages to the butterfly farm.

It was the New Zealand Government. It was concerned about a plague of ragwort.

The idea was to import caterpillars, ragwort eaters, 50,000 of them. They should breed by the million, for New Zealand has no ichneumon to kill them off. So the plan was that millions of caterpillars should eat the ragwort out of New Zealand.

"I told them it wouldn't do," said the butterfly farmer, "but they insisted. I pointed out that caterpillars would crop the ragwort, but it would grow up again in their trail.

"We sent out the 50,000 caterpillars—my largest order to date—but it worked out as I said. The ragwort won."

2,000 From One

How do you breed butterflies? "Well," says the farmer, "here's a comma butterfly I caught in the spring. The comma butterfly used to be found only in Herefordshire and the Wye Valley. Now it's all over the South Coast and Kent." (A pretty lady, orange and black markings.)

"I caught her in the spring. I shall have bred two thousand butterflies from her before the season's over.

"You see," says Mr. Newman, "in nature butterflies only succeed in hatching about 1 per cent. or so of their eggs. In captivity, with luck, and, if you escape disease, you can hatch out up to 95 per cent."

So much for the economics of the butterfly farm.

Record Price

For the collector. It catches or breeds sports and rarities. £24 is the record price paid so far for a single specimen. The late Lord Rothschild paid it.

For schools the farm breeds and sells ordinary specimens in quantity.

"There are only 98 British varieties," says the butterfly farmer. "I've caught 27 of them in one day between here and the next station."

There's going to be no feeding problem. The farm consists of two

houses joined together, and all the fodder is grown in the back garden. Poplar, oak, birch and dock leaves are the best foods.

Bombs may fall and shrapnel may whistle and other farms may complain of shortage of fodder and chicken food and cattle cake. But the butterfly farm goes on.

Let's hope that in spite of the worst Hitler can do, it will burst out into its usual colourfulness in the spring.

STRIP TEASE AS STRIKE

Greta Rozan, a Hollywood actress, is carrying out what she calls a "strip-tease strike" on the pavement outside the Universal studio.

She is removing one garment daily, and says she will continue either until she is nude or until Universal grants her demands.

On the first day Greta picketed without blouse. On the second day she discarded her skirt. Now she is picketing in a flimsy slip which, she says, will be removed in due course, when she will picket in knickers and a brassiere.

"It is the only possible protest that poor weak little me can make," she tells the hundreds who watch her on parade.

Her grievance is that her act was cut out from a new film.

WIFE WITH LOVER, CUT BY SWORD

A sailor came home unexpectedly at midnight, found his wife with her lover, seized a sword from the wall and swung it in front of the couple.

He struck the wife on her left arm, causing a slight cut, and at Dartford was accused of maliciously wounding her.

He was discharged, the Court saying he had had great provocation.

Alan Dudley Chapman, of Burnham Crescent, Dartford, merchant seaman, pleaded guilty to wounding Doris Irene Chapman, whom he found with Claude Cooper, of Ingram Road, Dartford. She had known Cooper for several months.

Chapman told the police that when he switched on a light a man approached him from the bedroom in a fighting attitude.

"He struck at me," the statement continued, "and told me to get out. I said to him, 'Get out.' My wife said, 'You have got me at last.'"

His wife was cut when she got between Cooper and himself.

Sergeant Butcher believed Cooper was single.

Mr. H. Goff (defending): This has happened while Chapman has been away serving his country.

The Sergeant: Yes, so I gather. Chapman said his wife was working at Vickers receiving good money, and he made her an allowance.

Mr. Goff: You cared for her?—I still do.

What was Cooper's chief worry?—He wanted his clothes. I said, "I will put them out the front window for you."

Mr. Goff: The man who ought to be in the box is this skunk of a fellow who takes away the woman the prisoner loves.

PARIS --- HEARTBREAK CITY FOR WOMEN

Here are glimpses of Paris for his men if a German opera favourite is put on.

A friend of mine, a Jewess of neutral nationality, applied for her papers so that she could leave for South America.

"I suppose you're running away because you're a Jewess?" said the German passport official. "Well, I shouldn't worry. We'll be there within the next four years."

BLOW TO SPANISH NIGHT LIFE

Some of the oldest of Spanish customs concerning entertainment hours will receive a heavy blow by a decision just adopted by the Spanish Government.

For years the Spaniards, particularly Madrid people, have been breakfasting at lunchtime, lunching at teatime, supping at bedtime, and going to bed at dawn. The Government is determined to fight this state of affairs.

Night life to which Spaniards are particularly addicted is going to be drastically checked. Theatres and cinemas are to close at, or before, midnight, while cafes, bars and other public places, as well as dancing rooms, casinos and cabarets, will close not later than 1 a.m. Hotels and boarding houses will serve meals from 1 p.m. and from 8 p.m., but not after 2.30 and 9.30.

The streets are a strange sight. Ten thousand car licences were recently withdrawn, and now, instead of fleets of motor-cars, one sees swarms of bicycles. Gas-run buses are operating, and even the old open carriage has reappeared.

Theatres, cinemas, and the Opera are doing well, but their patrons are not French. Sometimes a German officer will take as many as a thousand tickets

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

AFTER BENGHAZI

In view of the whirlwind series of victories in the British advance westward—Sidi Barrani, Bardia, Tobruk and Derna—it comes as no surprise that General Wavell had no little trouble with Marshal Graziani. Marshal Graziani lacked any plan. His troops were demoralised. Nearly half of his army has been captured.

Hitler is the last hope of the Italians. If he and Mussolini did not evolve a plan to save the floundering African Empire in their talk recently, Marshal Graziani's problem is hopeless.

Hitler might yet save Italy if he can cripple the Royal Navy in the Western Mediterranean. British warships have played a vital role in the advance so far, transporting supplies and pounding the Italian positions with heavy shells. Even serious interference with their work could check the British onrush.

German bombers, operating from Sicily, have damaged two British warships already, but it will take much greater destruction to rescue the Italians. And the challenging sweep by Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's squadron this week seems to furnish the answer to any worries on this account.

All-out German aid to Italy's African campaign might mean a Nazi occupation of Spain and an attack on Gibraltar. Britain has no other fleet base in the Western Mediterranean and Gibraltar is useless under bombardment from Algeiras. Without a base, the British fleet would have to move East or go out into the Atlantic. And when British warships leave the Western Mediterranean, Marshal Petain's bargaining power against the Nazis over French North Africa goes with them.

Always Britain must be suspicious of Hitler's activity in Spain, in the Mediterranean or in the Balkans. They cannot allow a Nazi feint to bring down the British guard against invasion. Even lack of German action, such as his failure to attack Gibraltar, must be feared as a trap to lure British warships into the "safety" of the Mediterranean.

Whatever Hitler plans, one thing is certain: General Wavell has destroyed the Italian power of attack on Egypt from Libya.

I do not find it at all difficult to understand, with my heart, the isolationists. For I am, like every other American, by instinct one myself. The whole of American history has been an individual and collective record of the attempts of this country to cut itself loose from the Old World.

Every single American, except the Indian, is the child or the descendant of an immigrant, and nearly every one of those immigrants came to this country to get away from Europe—to get away from its caste systems, from its economic disadvantages, from its compulsory military services, from its racial or political persecutions, and from its perpetual wars.

During our entire history, therefore, we have had an uneasy relationship with Europe—the more uneasy because, in spite of everything, we remain intrinsically a European civilisation. The stream of economic and intellectual life has continually commingled. Finance and trade have tied us more closely to Europe and to the colonies and nations that represent European settlement, than to any other part of the globe.

Our intellectual life is inextricably intermingled with the thought of Europe. Before this present crisis there was no part of Europe in which a civilised American could not find men and women who had read the same books, listened to the same music, been trained in identical sciences and commanded the same ideas.

Yet, when we went to Europe, even those of us born here of native-born fathers felt that we were going back—returning to something left behind—and realised that to want to leave Europe behind has been an American urge for a century and a half.

Who among us who has travelled and lived in Europe has not felt that overwhelming surge of homesickness, that longing for the casual, candid, ironic and homely speech of one's fellows; for the crumbling stone walls and black-eyed Susans of Vermont; for the white wooden houses and austere Puritan churches of New England; for the clamour and energy, the dirt and elegance of Chicago; for the unsubstantial glimmer of New York skyscrapers at dusk? Who has not felt

Ideals And Realities

The lifting of the "moral embargo" against Soviet Russia is another illustration of the American government's decision that the devil must be fought with fire instead of with firmament.

For a long time the President and the State Department stubbornly launched ideals against the realities of the world situation. Now this course appears to have gone the way of "neutrality," though the words of diplomacy will continue to glow with idealistic sentiments.

Soviet Russia, by the fiat of the United States Government, is "moral" again and the Japanese are still "immoral." No longer is it immoral for American manufacturers to ship aircraft and their essential parts, and aeroplane gasoline, to Moscow—if they can procure the necessary export licences. But it is still immoral to ship this material to Tokyo.

The Russians for more than a year have bombed no open cities and murdered no civilians from the air, as previously in Finland. But the Japanese belong to the Axis and continue to be engaged in these practices.

The unchanged form of the Russian Government, its enduring policy of repudiation of international obligations and what it is doing to the citizens in the region Moscow grabbed from Poland—these things would have prevented a stubbornly idealistic government from making the instant gesture. But Washington has become more practical and is looking for friends again. What more useful friend could be found than one sitting armed and mysterious at the back door of Germany's Far Eastern partner, Japan?

The presence in that quarter of

He is in complete command of the plateau which extends from Libya into Egypt.

learns smart behind his eyes for the remembrance of an airport, bright, cozy, friendly in the dark loneliness of the Arizona desert? For the endless waving wheat

By Dorothy Thompson

fields of the great plains; for the soft Negro voices of the South; for the spacious blueness of Cali-

fornia? And, above all, for the wideness of this handsome land; for the space; for the feeling of room to turn around in; for the feeling that one is the citizen of a continent, and no mean province?

Our isolationists—men like Senator Wheeler and Senator Taft—are expressing something deep in the American instinct, and it is an instinct that has been productive, too. For it was the urge to get away and stay away that



made us Americans, instead of New Englanders, New Germans, New Scandinavians, New Russians, or what not.

Yet, the fact of the matter is—the fact of this uneasy, and never solved American relation to Europe—that we never have gotten away, and we never will. Every war that has involved the whole of Europe and the Atlantic Ocean has eventually involved us. Every revolution that has occurred has involved us. Every scientific, industrial and social change that has spread in Europe has affected us. Every political, social, and economic institution we have is a modification of a European institution, and our modifications have, in turn, modified those of Europe. We are actually part and parcel of a single civilisation and we have never been able to change that fact.

This matter of the American relationship to Europe has got to be settled. It has got to be settled once and for all—or once and for several centuries to come. And it cannot be settled in the manner in which it has been settled hitherto—by brief and periodic interventions in Europe, after which we pulled out, and tried to resume our traditional half or three quarters isolation. America has come of age; it is no longer in any sense a colony of Europe; it is, instead, the largest, most numerous, most productive, and richest single nation of western civilisation.

It cannot be pushed back into a colonial status by a Eurasia united under Hitler's sword, and it cannot be shut off from Europe and assigned "a sphere of influence" in North and Central America by the Fuehrer of Germany, either.

The sphere of influence this country wants—if it wants any sphere of influence short of equality of rights on the whole planet—it will certainly choose for itself. It isn't going to be laid down for America in any blueprint designed in Berlin, Moscow, Rome, Tokyo, or anywhere else.

No matter what our isolationists may wish that is not going to happen, for it is not the way nations of 130,000,000 politically conscious people behave.

This matter of our relation to Europe finally demands settlement, because two wars in a generation are too many, and the very issue of isolation and independence is what is at stake now. This comes home to us when we realise that the nations of Europe to-day are undergoing their wars for independence, and Great Britain is having much the same experience as we had in 1776 when men and women from all over Europe interested in their own independence added their arms to ours. The coast of Scotland to-day is being defended by 70,000 Poles, who are fighting for the independence of Britain in order to get their own restored!

Independent nations can only exist in a world where the right to independence is generally recognised. In Hitler's division of the world, the United States might be graciously assigned the role of being one of the Master-Nations—if Hitler gets tired enough. But it happens that we don't want to be a Master-Nation, spending our lives, and our substance policing other subject peoples, and we are not standing in line for a part in the cast. Not yet.

But independence cannot rule out the reality of interdependence nor sanctify the anarchy that results in perpetual war. If America gives her money, her work, her resources and her energy to secure the independence of nations in western civilisation, she has also got to see to it, this time, that continental Europe adopts one American idea—the idea without which this continent would have gone the way of Europe: the idea of Federation.

When there is once constituted a Europe in which there is national freedom without the congeniality of complete sovereignties that spell anarchy and perpetual strife then we can at long last enjoy freedom from the fear of Europe.

This time we have really got to see to it that a Europe is created that we can take or let alone.

taking the all-out policy of British aid. In many practical places there has long been clamour that America "cannot fight the world at once" should play a game of separatism in the Far East, and, if stern with Japan, should be conciliatory with the Soviet.

If it was different before the war in Europe: in 1923, for instance, Secretary Hughes denounced Samuel Gompers proposals for Soviet recognition and charged Moscow with sins against democracy and humanity—which could be repeated and amplified to-day. The United States was not then undertaking to lend its every assistance to one belligerent in a desperate war against two others who are partners of Japan. Circumstances alter cases, and to the realistic mind moral embargoes may well be lifted on even a mere chance this will increase the prospect that British aid policy will be carried out fully.

What new war supplies Russia may now be able to get from the United States could, of course, be seized by the Japanese Navy. But this would mean war between the two nations, which would greatly upset all the strategy of the Axis, fit the Chinese book and cancel one of the greatest present problems of the American Navy: the amount of armament we must reserve from Britain against troubles of our own in the Pacific. Therefore, viewed from any angle save that of idealism, the gesture to Moscow is practical, may be effective, and once more substitutes fire for firmament in fighting the devil.

The reservation is depressing, for the American government clinging to idealism a long time after Hitler came to power. But even when Mr. Hughes was denouncing the Soviet he made a yielding pact with what in 1923 was still known as "the bloody Turk," fresh from triumphs over the other great powers at Lausanne.

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The prepared text of the statement made to the House Foreign Affairs Committee by William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to France, was as follows:—

1. We are determined to maintain the independence of the United States and our government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

2. We hate war. Therefore we desire to protect our country and our liberties without going to war.

3. Germany has drawn Italy and Japan into a league directed against us and other nations by a treaty signed in Berlin on Sept. 27, 1940.

4. We cannot appease Germany. It is impossible to appease the unappeasable. And the Western Hemisphere is the juiciest morsel before the dictators.

5. The earth has been so contracted by the aeroplane that for the first time in our history the war machines of Europe can reach the Western Hemisphere in a few hours.

6. The Atlantic and Pacific Oceans remain formidable obstacles to invasion of the Americas so long as both are controlled either by the American Navy or by the navy of a power friendly to us.

7. We have a one-ocean navy and shall not have a two-ocean navy before 1946.

8. So long as the British navy continues to hold the Germans and Italians on the other side of the Atlantic, while our fleet watches in the Pacific, we have and shall have the practical equivalent of a two-ocean navy.

9. If the British Navy should be eliminated, we would still have a one-ocean navy but we should have two oceans to defend.

10. A one-ocean navy cannot cover two oceans.

"Could Not Block Both Doors"

11. Without the British Navy, we could not protect both the Pacific Coast and the Atlantic Coast of the Western Hemisphere. We could not block both the front door and the back door of our national home.

12. An ocean without a fleet is not a defence but a broad highway for invasion.

13. There are strong totalitarian elements in many States of South America.

14. The elimination of the British Navy and control of either the Atlantic or the Pacific by a totalitarian navy would be the signal for totalitarian government to be installed in one or more States of Latin America. The movement of totalitarian control toward the Panama Canal would be rapid.

15. The experience of cities in England has shown that it is impossible to prevent bombardment of the Panama Canal by planes based on the northern portion of South America, or on Central America, or on aircraft carriers.

16. If the Panama Canal should be closed by bombardment from the air or sabotage, our one-ocean navy would be fixed in one ocean and the other ocean would become a pathway for invasion.

17. We are not prepared to-day to meet an attack by the totalitarian States that are leagued against us. We must buy time in which to prepare.

18. We can buy that time only by making certain that the British Fleet will continue to hold the totalitarian forces in Europe while our fleet watches in the Pacific.

19. If we should permit a conquest of the British Isles, the officers and men of the British Navy would be threatened with the starvation of the entire population of Great Britain if they should continue to hold the Atlantic for us. It is improbable that they could or would do so for long.

Invasion "Almost Certain"

20. Should the British Navy be eliminated and should the Panama Canal be blocked before we are prepared, invasion of the Western Hemisphere would be almost certain. It is entirely certain that the shipbuilding facilities in the hands of the totalitarian dictators would be at least four times as great as our shipbuilding facilities, and what we had planned to be a two-ocean navy would turn out to be only a one-ocean navy after all. More than 90 per cent of the human race would be controlled by the dictators and be organised both militarily and economically against us. A Japanese iron ring around Asia and Australasia and a German iron ring around Africa and Europe, including Great Britain and Ireland, would cut us off from trade with so great a portion of the earth, that we — in a mutilated stump of the Western Hemisphere — would be thrown into economic disorder. The standard of living of even the poorest American would be gravely reduced. And we should have to try to support with our crippled economic system armaments colossal enough to resist the whole world. We should have to organise our American life on a military basis from top to bottom and maintain it on a military basis throughout years of misery and years of totalitarian propaganda directed against our democratic form of government. How long, under those conditions, we could maintain the liberties that have been the birth-right of every American since the birth of our nation, no man knows.

21. These would be to us the consequences of British defeat. We must, therefore, for our own self-preservation, try to see to it that Great Britain is not defeated.

22. We are determined not to be drawn into this war. We leave out of the discussion, therefore, the policy of going to war, although we know that the most certain way to insure against risk of British defeat would be for us

War Policy

23. We can diminish the danger to ourselves only by supplying promptly to the British and the other States that are now holding the totalitarian war machines away from our shores every material, munition, and arms that they need.

24. It is so greatly to the advantage of the totalitarian States to have us stay out of war while they are attempting to conquer Great Britain, Greece and China that no matter how much aid we furnish and no matter what form that aid may take, the dictators will hesitate to declare war on us unless they have first conquered Great Britain. If they were to declare war, they could not now get at us.

to go to war. We set two limits on our support of Great Britain: First, we will not declare war; second, we will not ourselves initiate military or naval hostilities.

25. We must produce elements of defence as fast as if we were in war, and we must employ the elements of defence that we now possess and shall produce in the wisest manner for our defence.

26. The question of whether it is wiser to fend our country by turning over a particular element of defence at a particular moment to the British, or other forces, to use immediately, or wiser to keep that instrument within our country, is an intricate technical question that can be decided with the highest wisdom—and in time—only by the Commander in Chief of our Army and Navy, who acts on the advice of his chief military, naval, air and diplomatic advisers. We should not even be an independent nation if a committee had sat at Valley Forge where Washington stood. The framers of our Constitution were wise when they made the Chief-Executive Commander in Chief of our Army and Navy.

For Arming As If at War

27. Our country is in such danger to-day that decisions on the effective use of our instruments of defence are as vital as if we had already been attacked.

28. Bill 1776 is designed to empower the President to make those decisions. By passing it, the Congress would show, I believe, that the wisdom of the framers of our Constitution is still alive in our land, and that we, like our forefathers, will submit to no master but God.

£8,000 A TRIP--FOR FISHERMEN

THERE'S MONEY in the sea — and fish — for seamen cashing in on Britain's fish shortage. The boom in prices, with single fish fetching 25s. to 30s., means that Iceland trawlers have been picking up £8,000 a trip—£60-£75 for each hand — and taking home their wages in pianos, radiograms, top hats, silk stockings, and cars.

On nearly every tide the Icelanders put into port here with cargoes almost worth their weight in gold, bringing a boom time to the local shopkeepers.

Their earnings are far in excess of those of the British fishermen, whose ships are now on naval service.

Fish prices began to drop a bit the other day, but the Icelanders did pretty well.

Big hake realised £10 a 10st. box, or about 29s. a fish, plaice brought £12 a box, haddock made £7 16s., best cod £7 10s.

Mr. John W. Robinson, chairman of Fleetwood Fish Merchants' Association, told me:

"It is not for the Iceland trawlers, we could hardly keep our trade going. True, they are getting good prices for their catches, but if they were not here we should have very little fish."

"Because of these big earnings it is suggested in some quarters that a tax should be put on every box of fish landed."

"This might work all right. It is up to the Government to decide what is the best policy."

But although the Icelanders earn such good wages they cannot take out of the country more than £10 in cash.

So daily you see them with dainty lingerie in the shops as they buy for their wives.

Jewellers, too, find them good buyers. One man bought a case of top hats to take back to Iceland.

Fleetwood shopkeepers welcome this spending boom. They are helped also by Dutch trawlermen whose ships fish regularly from the port.

The Dutchmen's fishing grounds are more restricted than the Icelanders', but nevertheless £15 to £20 a trip is not uncommon for them.

The English trawlers are, of course, much fewer owing to naval demands on the ships, but good money is being earned by their crews.

MYSTERY OF THE GERMAN CAPTAIN TREECK

FRIEND OF HITLER
HAS ENGLISH
HOME SOLD UP

FRIENDS OF CAPTAIN Robert Treeck, German ex-cavalry officer, who rode with the Pytchley Hunt, learned recently that the Custodian of Enemy Property had ordered the sale of the furnishings at Guilsborough House, where, with his Chilian-born wife, he gave intimate parties attended by influential people, including M.P.s.

An English friend who on one occasion accepted an invitation to attend a Nazi rally in Germany with him found that Hitler and the captain were on terms of close friendship. The visitors were invited to take seats in the Fuehrer's own box.

Captain Treeck flew to Germany to make special reports almost every month between 1937 and the seizure of Czechoslovakia.

It was thought that, as he moved in the same social circles as Ribbentrop, Hitler employed him privately so that he could give a second opinion to that of the Ambassador on the reactions of this country to events on the continent.

Captain Treeck had a fifteen-roomed house in Cheyne Place, Chelsea, S.W., and while in London he kept close contact with the German Embassy.

Since he left London by air for Germany on July 2 last year nothing has been seen or heard of either him or his wife in Chelsea or Guilsborough. The captain is believed to be serving now with the German forces.

His Marriage

He was married at Chelsea register office on April 27, 1938. Mrs. Pearl Balfour, of Smith Street S.W., was one of the witnesses.

The captain's wife had the title of baroness. He played polo and hunted regularly. He spent his summers in Germany.

Mrs. Lowther, wife of Colonel John Lowther, master of the Pytchley, said: "Captain Treeck did nothing ostentatiously. I have known him three or four years."

"He was tremendously popular. He was a fine rider, and often told us how he loved the English country."

"He said his reason in coming to England was mainly to live in the country and have as much hunting as he could."

"I attended some of his parties at his house. He was very charming—quiet, but jolly."

Captain Treeck, 6ft. tall, fair-haired, bullet-headed, broad-shouldered, had a deep scar on his throat, a relic of the last war, in which he fought against the Allies. He left England suddenly during the Munich crisis of 1938 and was absent six weeks.

Last year he went away again, came back for forty-eight hours, then booked a seat in an aeroplane and returned to Germany.

At Nazi Rallies

His visits to that country began to cause comment. It became known he had attended Nazi rallies, but no one knew much of his standing with the party till he invited one of his Guilsborough friends to Germany.

Captain Treeck first arrived in England in 1933, with apparently limitless money. He stayed at the Park Lane Hotel, London. He was only thirty-six then. The scar on his neck, he said, had been given to him by a Bolshevik when he was escaping from Russia.

His wife's former name was Baroness de Schroeder. She is wealthy. They met when he was living in Chelsea.

His mansion at Guilsborough was rented at £500 a year. Here he and his wife hunted five days a week.

The Treecks kept eleven servants, and open house was the rule. In one season their coal bill alone was £190. But they never entertained Germans, although

M.P. TAKES
IT BACK

A personal statement was made by Commander Bower in the House of Commons to correct and clarify statements made by him in a speech about Narvik and the loss of H.M.S. Glorious.

"At that time," said Commander Bower, "the chief burden of my criticism of the Admiralty was that certain High Commands and Staffs, notably the R.A.F. Coastal Command were not informed."

"I also said the Director of operations at the Admiralty was not fully informed."

"I have now received a letter from Captain Harcourt, the Director of Operations at the Admiralty."

"I fully and unreservedly accept his version of the incident, and I beg leave to withdraw the statement that he was not fully informed."

Commander Bower added, "Captain Harcourt and his deputy, Captain Edwards, felt that certain words of mine in which I said I had been approached by officers holding responsible position at the Admiralty could be applied to them."

"My words were carefully drafted and I do not think that that construction can fairly be put upon them. But I want to make it clear that my contact with these officers was purely of a service character."

Ribbentrop once stayed only a few miles from Guilsborough House.

Captain Treeck visited Germany ostensibly to hunt on an estate he rented in Bavaria. He did not often talk politics, although he sought his friends in circles familiar with political and financial questions.

He, like Ribbentrop, always insisted there would be no war between Britain and Germany, but when he went away on his last visit in 1939 he told his head groom, Thomas Drinkwater, that if anything prevented his return in October, he was to dismiss the other servants and, with his wife, take care of the house and stables.

"When war began," Drinkwater said to me, "the military came to inspect the house. Recently a Home Office inspector came and examined my letters and papers to see if I had any communications from the captain. There were none."

NAZI BOMBER BEATEN
BY CREW OF HEROES

CAPTAIN PETER Booth Clarke, D.S.C., of the New Zealand cargo ship Sussex (12,000 tons), whose gallantry was mentioned by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, in a broadcast afterwards gave the full story of how he brought his bomb-torn ship to port.

"We were off the North-West Coast of Ireland," he said, "inward bound with a cargo of food and a large quantity of explosive packed in steel cylinders."

"Suddenly a German bomber flew at a great altitude over our starboard bow."

"The anti-aircraft crew raced to their stations and we waited. Suddenly the bomber altered course and dived. As it came down it loosed a volley of machine-gun fire and fired from its cannon."

"Our gunners opened fire. I think they hit the machine, but not seriously. When it was at a low altitude the plane dropped two heavy high explosive bombs. Both made direct hits. The first blew the funnel away and damaged the decks, the other fell aft of No. 2 hold, tore its way through the timber and started a fire."

Used Their Rifles

"The plane circled around us to see what damage had been done and to finish us off if necessary. When it came down low we opened fire on it again from our gun and with rifles fired from the bridge. We drove the plane off but not before one had named Croxteth had been badly wounded by bullets. He was a member of the gun crew and refused to leave his gun."

"The plane hovered around us for nearly three quarters of an hour and then came down lower and signalled us to stop. It was then within range and we opened fire again from our gun. That was the answer they got."

"All our navigational instruments had been destroyed by the bombs and the ship was circling

round. The wireless had been damaged and it was impossible to send out any signals of distress."

Laughed at Danger

"The fire started by the second bomb had by this time spread to the cargo and was blazing furiously."

"A young assistant steward, E. Trundle, of London, perched himself on top of a number of cylinders and with a hosepipe played water around to keep the flames from reaching the spot."

"As he squatted on top of the cylinders he laughed and joked with other members of the crew and urged them on to greater efforts. It was a great display of courage."

"The plane must have thought we were completely finished, for it made off."

"It was not until afternoon that we managed to get the fire under control. We then tried to steer by a boat compass, but the efficiency of this had been impaired by the explosions and so we had to use the sun."

"To add to our difficulties we ran into a thick blanket of fog and we didn't know where we were. Once we collided with a trawler from which we got our position. Soon afterwards a warship came along and escorted us to port."

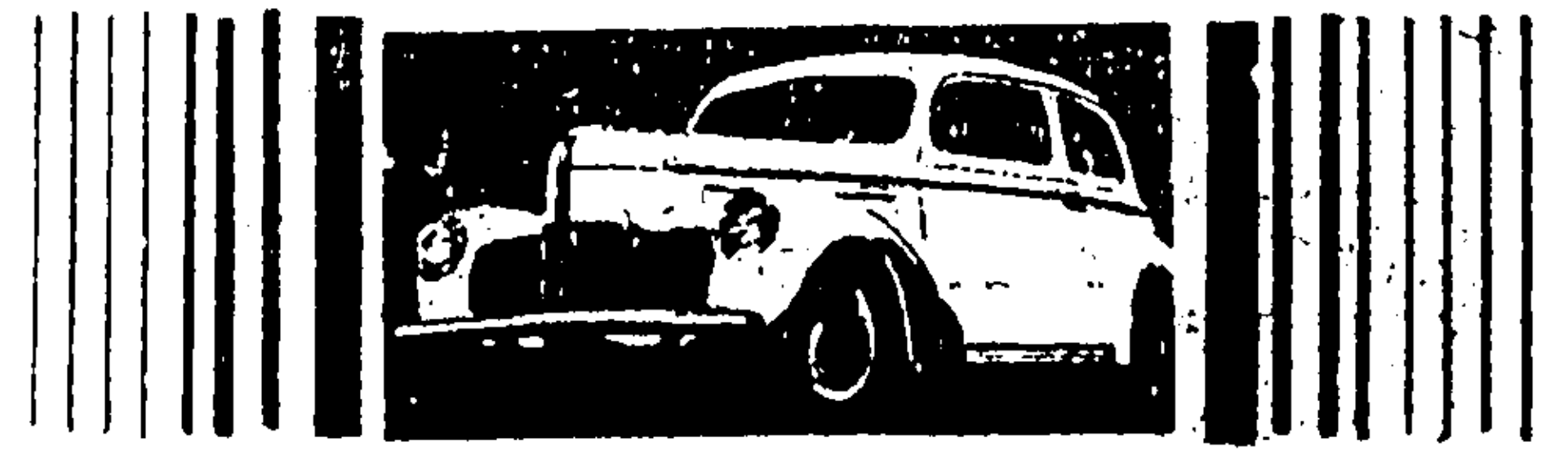
Captain Clarke, who lives at Blundellsands, Liverpool, sailed in Q ships in the last war and took part in the Zeebrugge raid.

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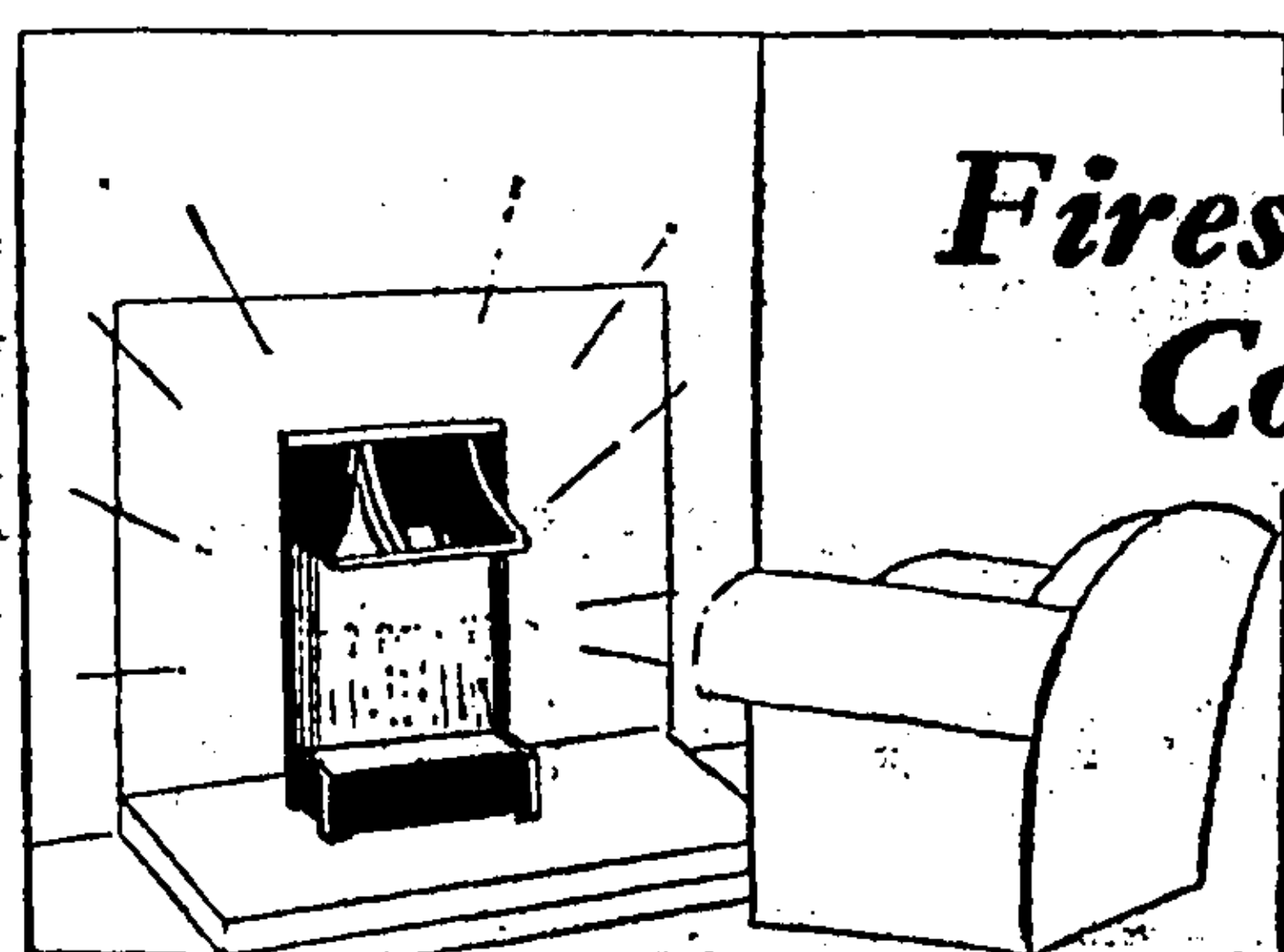
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W. F. SIMMONS,
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Hong Kong, 1st February, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

OUT OF THE FRYING Pan

By The Four Aces

It's very disquieting to have your partner's vulnerable overall doubled for penalties when you have only a singleton in your partner's suit, but an attempt at a rescue is usually a case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. To-day's hand is typical:

East, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ J
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q 9 8 6 3
♣ K J 8
♠ K 10 6 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 9 7 4
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W
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S
♠ A 7 3
♥ A K Q 6
♦ 2
♣ A J 7 4
♠ Q 9 8 5 4
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 10
♣ A 10 6 3

The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ Pass 1NT 2♣
Dbl. 2♣ Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

East couldn't be sure of a game because his partner might lack heart support, and game at no-trump seemed remote because of his weakness in the black suits. The chance to double two diamonds therefore came as a welcome opportunity.

South should have passed and knew it; he had a reliable partner, whose vulnerable overall should not be badly hurt. (As a matter of fact, North had "stretched" and should have had a trifle more strength — a fact which South could not know.) But South couldn't resist the temptation to do a little masterminding.

"West cannot have a four-card spade suit of any importance," he mused, "for then he would have bid one spade rather than one no-trump. And East cannot have spades as well as both red suits. Therefore my partner must have fair spade support. If I bid two spades, we won't get doubled, and we'll be out of trouble."

South's reasoning appeared logical, but it had a bad result. West did have a four-card suit, and two spades did get doubled. This unwise rescue was set 1,100 points, and North had the melancholy pleasure of pointing out that he'd have been set only one trick at two diamonds.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 5
The bidding:
Jacoby Mair You Schenker
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
2NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your partner has made a try for game, hoping you have fairly balanced distribution and a little more than minimum strength. You have the slight extra strength, but must show the unbalanced distribution by bidding your other suit.

Score 100% for three diamonds; 50% for three no-trump, 30% for three hearts; 20% for pass.

Question No. 634

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Mair You Schenker
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3♦ Pass
3NT Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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HOW THE EAGLES GOT BADGE

A page of history was written recently when thirty-odd United States pilots volunteered to form themselves into a regular squadron of the Royal Air Force under the proud title "Eagle Fighter Squadron."

Whatever may be the final effect of the creation of this all-American squadron on public opinion elsewhere, the stimulating effect on Britain of this "splendid and spontaneous gesture" is beyond doubt. As future historians, when they come to tell the full story of "Eagle Squadron," will probably speak of the aptness of its title and its emblem, it may be useful to record just how Eagle Squadron got its badge.

The idea of the squadron was first conceived by Mr. Charles Sweeney, a well known American citizen resident for some years in London. Remembering the famous Lafayette Escadrille of the last war, whose proud insignia was the feathered head of an American Indian, he cast about for a suitable badge to distinguish the members of the Squadron, when it should be formed.

As the national emblem of America, an eagle seemed the inevitable insignia for these American airmen. It suggested its own name for the Squadron. In the preliminary talks with the British authorities the new squadron was spoken of in various ways. The first official reference to "Eagle Squadron" was in a note by Sir Hugh Seely, M.P., Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir Archibald Sinclair, in which the final proposals were put forward. From then on "Eagle Squadron" was the official title.

The design of the badge was the work of the Americans themselves, and was accepted by the Air Ministry and approved by H.M. the King. The eagle depicted, with spread wings pointing upwards, does not closely resemble the official American eagle, as shown on national insignia of the United States.

EVERYTHING CLEAR

Many of the Polish officers in the squadrons operating with the R.A.F. speak excellent English. And they have an eye for the humour of a situation. The other day operation orders for a projected raid were posted up, but, to maintain secrecy till the last possible moment, the orders took this form:
Time—Night of 20/21st.
Task—To be divulged later.
Target—To be divulged later.
Bomb load—To be divulged later.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Here—will you have the orchestra play "Reveille"?"

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Being crossed in love makes a girl very sad but being double-crossed makes her very mad.

BOY OF 8 A DETECTIVE

An eight-year-old boy, Terence Harvey, of Old Nazling Road, Nazling, wants to be a detective when he grows up.

When he saw a lorry being loaded with timber from a factory which was being demolished, he wondered why the usual watchman was not there to check what was taken away.

So he took the number of the lorry and the name of the firm on it and gave it to his father.

As a result, Thomas Houslip, of Gordon Road, Enfield, was at Epping fined £50 for the theft of corrugated iron and timber, and another man, Stanley Angell, of Apple Grove, Enfield, was summoned, but the case against him was dismissed on payment of 15s. costs.

A police officer told the magistrates that but for Terence's smartness the theft would probably never have been discovered.

The magistrates commended the boy for his smartness and the way in which he gave his evidence.

Said Terence afterwards: "I want to be a cop when I grow up, and I thought I might as well start right away."

Times over Target—Not yet available.

Route—To be given later.
A Polish squadron commander, having digested this informative announcement said: "Yes, everything here seems quite clear except the night of the 20/21st."

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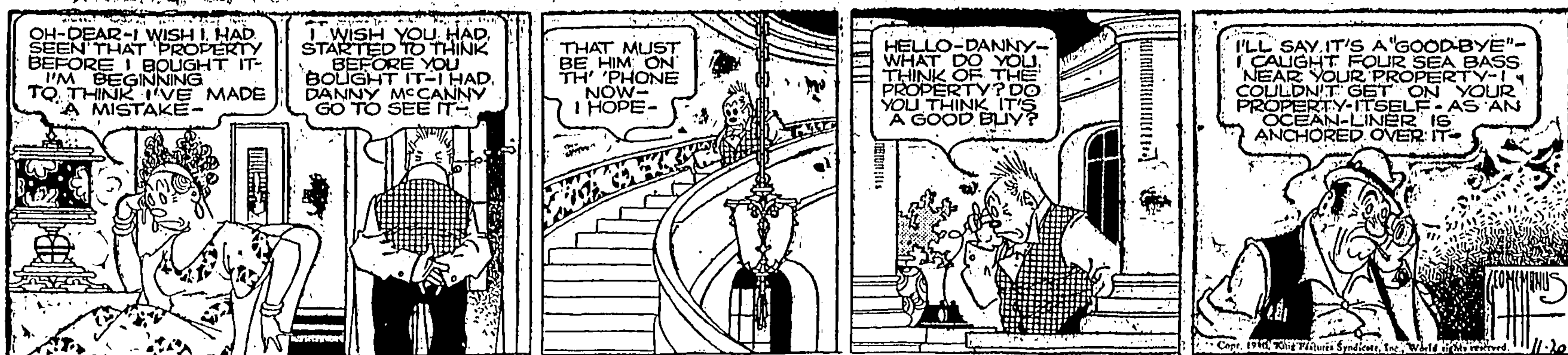
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Bringing Up Father.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Split Nails May Be Mended

If your nails have the habit of splitting you should learn how to mend them with cement and tissue. There is no necessity for cutting them off to finger level, if you have nursed them along to an attractive length.

You go through the first steps of a manicure—the shaping, removing the polish, pushing back the cuticle and a scrubbing, then you begin the mending job.

There is a nail cement which comes in a small tube. This you squirt over the split nail, take off the surplus with an orange stick and allow it to partly dry. Separate a tiny piece of ordinary face cleansing tissue—you use only one layer and pat it onto the cement, over the split, and with cuticle scissors trim it off along the nail edge. Allow the cement to thoroughly dry before covering the tissue with colourless nail polish base. Over this goes a thick coat of dark polish or two coats of a lighter shade. You see the polish must be opaque so the mend will not show. Relax for at least fifteen minutes to give the nail coatings sufficient time to dry and set.

You might find that you will need assistance for mending your right hand but you should be quite capable of mending a split nail on your left hand.

Don't Suffer With Spit Nails

A split nail can be a great expense if you go snagging your best hose with it or pulling a thread in a gown. It is silly to allow a split to go unattended in the last instance and not very clever to let your nails get in a condition so they split easily, in the first instance!

When your hair gets very dry and begins to fall out you say, "I must be run down for my hair is in a terrible state." Well, when your nails split frequently you might take that as a sign of sub-normal health too, and get busy

and do something about the condition.

Doctors admit that some climates are drastic on nails but they also admit that a woman can discover her vitamin deficiency and correct it by taking concentrated



Splitting nails and roughened hands are greatly helped by two splendid aids—a pair of flesh coloured cotton gloves to wear over your choice of hand massage cream, hand smoother or hand masque cream.

capsules. Foods containing iodine—such as fish and tomatoes—should be eaten and sometimes painting the nail with a diluted iodine solution seems to help. We are told that nails do not breathe, but we are also told that nails are dependent upon sufficient moisture in the air, so perhaps without our knowing it, nails draw a little strength from iodine mixed with water! Many women seem to think so at least.

You must admit that attractive, shapely nails are a beauty asset and one's fingers feel so much smarter if they are nicely manicured and polished. So it truly does pay to prevent your nails from splitting, if you can, and to keep the hand skin soft and bleached. Why shouldn't your lovely rings have a worthy background?

are tired. Rather follow the hot one with a shower or sponge down in tepid water to close the pores.

The prickly stimulant of a back-brush doubles the tonic value of water and soap, or scrubbing with a stiffish loofah awakens tissues and glands.

Women who depend a lot on a tub or hot water as wartime beauty treatment are finding it economic to have good, skin-softening soaps, water-softening bath tablets or salts, and a talcum powder to deal with perspiration odours and chaffing.

All thin people and those with sensitive, dry skins need a superfatted soap—baby soap quality—and the bland non-alkaline sort of bath cubes. There are soaps and salts prepared to assist in the extraction of oily deposits clogging the pores and they are obviously suited to heavier, greasy types of skin.

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Jane's work is typical, although not identical of women's part in helping a country at War. Dust and dirt get under uniforms or overalls. The skin perspires, pores clog and the exercise of unaccustomed muscles leaves an ache for soothing, toning and bracing. Full-length immersion in warm water is still the best—and oldest—of beautifiers. In the Middle Ages nobody bathed except on a doctor's prescription, and when Diane de Poitiers decided to take a daily

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By: Nan Gloster

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The scientific way to soap yourself is from feet to forehead, and after vigorous massage to repeat the soaping a second time. Don't be afraid to scrub in warm water and soap. It helps to remove scales of dead cuticle and acid deposits which are the origin of blemishes and an unhealthy skin. Glogged pores throw additional work on the kidneys and then blotches will begin to appear on the face and chest. Washing the body all over with hot water and the following massage with towels help to eliminate congestion of the

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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
1.03 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
1.13 p.m.—Henry King & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Roses in December (film "Life of the Party"); Waterlilies in the Moonlight (Stock & Others)... Brian Lawrence with the Three Ginx and Rhythm acc.
Vocal—I Believe in Miracles (Meyer & Others)... Hildegard with Orch.
Accordeons—From Near and Far—Waltz Medley... Vienna Accordeon Orchestra.
Vocal—Susanna from Alabama (Ted & Ezra); The Hilly Billy Band (Harvey)... The Hill Billies with Novelty acc.
Vocal—It's The Natural Thing To Do (film "Double or Nothing")... Hildegard with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Film Selections.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Programme for the Forces in the Far East.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—Local sports results.
9.32 p.m.—Overak—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 95 "The New World".
1st Mov: Adagio; 2nd Mov: Largo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo; 4th Mov: Allegro con fuoco... The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
10.10 p.m.—Alfred Cortot playing Chopin.
10.30 p.m.—Half an hour of New Records.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talks "In My Opinion".
11.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Starlight" with Vio Oliver.
11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
12.00 midnight—Close down.

THE CHINA MAIL, FEBRUARY 8, 1941

YOUTH CORPS FOR FITNESS

THE WAR OFFICE is to release key-men who were employed as physical training organisers and leaders before the war so that they can give fitness instruction to the Youth Service Corps.

This corp is a nation-wide scheme designed to attract all between the ages of fourteen and twenty to the ideal that fitness is an act of service to the country.

Already the War Office is releasing about 100 men.

Every available gymnasium hall, playing field and sports ground will be used, and the War Office has circularised Commands emphasising that the requisitioning of premises suitable for recreational work should be avoided.

It is realised that the provision of facilities and instructors alone will not ensure the success of the scheme. The vital link is the method of approach to the young people concerned.

"No Hitler Youth"

This will be carried out in a variety of ways, including appeals to children just leaving school and cooperation with old scholars' associations and evening institutes.

The scheme is outlined in a circular sent to local authorities by Mr. Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education.

But it is felt that more young people can be brought to realise that the maintenance of fitness is an act of service.

"No Hitler Youth idea is contemplated," says Mr. Ramsbotham. "There is no question of regimentation or militarisation."

The aim of the scheme is to build upon the systematic physical training given in the schools, and to give young people who have ceased full-time attendance at school wider opportunities for physical recreation.

Fitness-For-Service

The "Fitness - for - Service" scheme, started by the Central Council of Recreative Physical Training, in conjunction with the Football Association, will be expanded.

This scheme is now limited to boys and men of the age of sixteen and upwards, but the possibility of its extension to girls and women is being examined.

The board of Education and the directorate of the scheme emphasise that there are to be no forced-labour methods, nor, of course, will the training be confined to "physical jerks," a conception of physical training which in this country has been obsolescent for a long time.

"KNEW I FACED DEATH"

That she had been unfaithful to her husband and had got herself into a mess over debt was the reason alleged to have been given by a thirty-five-year-old mother charged with killing her child with an axe.

The mother was Mrs. Margaret Wilson, of Balmoral-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was charged at Newcastle with the murder of her six-year-old son, Peter, in a bedroom at her home. She was remanded.

Mr. Barry Jones, prosecuting, said Mrs. Wilson went up to a constable and said, "I have killed my child."

When police officers visited the house they found the boy suffering from head injuries. He died early next morning.

In a voluntary statement, Mrs. Wilson was alleged to have said that she hit her son several times on the head and neck with an axe.

The alleged statement went on: "The reason why I did it was because I got myself into a mess over debt, and I was unfaithful to my husband. Peter was a good boy, but I have neglected him. I had thought about killing Peter for some time. I knew if I killed him I would have to die."

A doctor said Mrs. Wilson appeared to be suffering terrible anguish. He formed the opinion that she was suffering from active melancholia, a form of insanity.

Wilson's husband was stated to be a sergeant in the Royal Engineers.

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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Friday, 7th February, 1941.

PARADE

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Dress For Camp

Jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, boots. Full web equipment, haversack, water bottle (filled), steel helmet, gas mask and rifle. Greatcoat to be carried.

Kit bags to be piled at H.Q. by 8.45 a.m. These must be clearly marked and should include spare jacket, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, puttees, overalls, cardigan and gun platform shoes. Cleaning material, shaving and washing gear to be brought.

ii. Headquarters Office

This will be open daily during camp at the following hours:—
8.15—8.45 a.m.
12.30—1.00 p.m.
5.15—6.15 p.m.

iii. Telephone

The following telephone numbers in use during the 5th and 6th camps are published for general information:—

1st Battery, 34121—Ext. 282.
2nd Battery, 34121—Ask for Tytarm Command Exchange and then H.K.V.D.C. Bty. Bluff Head or Stanley—25.

3rd Battery, 34121—Ask for Mt. Davis Exchange and then Fort Aberdeen.

4th Battery, 34121—Ext. 163.
5th A.A. Battery, 34121—Ext. 373.

No. 6 Company, 34121—Ext. 174.

iv. Qualifications

Gun Laying—Requalified. — Sgt. Hsley, Gnr. Charlton, Bomdr. Anslow.

Gun Laying—Qualified. — Gnr. Bickford, Gnr. Bruce.
D.R.F. — Requalified. — Sgt. Hsley, Gnr. Murray, Bnr. Butlin, Gnr. Bullock, Gnr. Swan and Gnr. Lockhart.

v. 2nd Battery

Friday, 14th Feb. H.Q. Those detailed for Advance Party 9.30 a.m. Remainder, 3.15 p.m. For Week's camp at Bluff Head.

vi. 3rd Battery

Tues. 11th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All deficient in kit.

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. Advance Party, 9 a.m. Remainder, 2.15 p.m. Camp.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Thurs. 13th Feb. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Pay parade and Arms drill. Dress—Mufli. Overalls to be brought.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Sun. 9th Feb. H.Q. 9 a.m. Those detailed. Dress—Uniform. Jacket and trousers.

Mon. 10th Feb. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i) B Group. Morse instruction. (ii) C Group. Lamp reading.

Wed. 12th Feb. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) No. 1 Area. Line Tests. (ii) No. 2 Area. Instrument & Resistance Check. (iii) B Group. Field Signal training at H.Q. (iv) Evening parade (a) Recruits. Miniature Range. (b) Remainder. Signal Training.

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Recruits. Miniature Range. Empire Tests. (ii) No. 4 Detach. Mainland Recce. (iii) Classified Men. Field Signalling Exercise. (iv) Evening Parade. Signal training as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 10th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

(i) All Ranks. Pay parade. (ii) N.C.O.'s. Class. Dress as before.

Wed. 12th Feb. Hung Hom. 8 a.m. All Platoons. Exercise in the New Territories. Dress—Shorts, cardigan, R.T.R. cap. Equipment—Battle Order.

Thurs. 13th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class. Dress as before.

Fri. 14th Feb. Upper Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. All Platoons. Dress—Overalls, R.T.R. Cap. Equipment—Belt, bayonet frog. Classes 4 and 5 only. Class 1. Theory of S.A. fire. Classes 2 and 3. Musketry. Classes 4 and 5. Drill with arms and discipline.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 10th Feb.—K.C.R. Station. 8 a.m.

Tues. 11th Feb.—Weapon training as per Coy. programme.

Fri. 14th Feb.—Weapon training as per Coy. programme.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 11th Feb. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon. Section training.

Wed. 12th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon. L.G. and M.G. training.

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Dress as previous week. Pay parade. Camp Pay will be paid out during the morning.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 10th Feb. H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress—Cap, cardigan, shorts.

Thurs. 13th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

Tues. 11th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Training Cadre.

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Training Cadre.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 10th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Course as detailed. Remainder. Company training as per programme.

Wed. 12th Feb. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. Half Day Training. Dress—Battle Order as before.

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Course as detailed. Remainder. Company training as per programme.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 10th Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress—as before.

Tues. 11th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Sections. Care and cleaning. Remainder. 1. A.—1st and 2nd positions.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Fri. 14th Feb. The Company proceed to Camp. Advance Party. H.Q. 11 a.m. Remainder. H.Q. 4 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, shirt, trousers, boots, full webbing equipment, waterbottle, haversack, rifle and bayonet, box respirator (slung). Greatcoat to be carried. Kit bags to contain steel helmet, cardigan, shorts, puttees, hose-tops and other personal requirements. Kit bags to be at H.Q. 10.30 a.m.—Camp telephone No. — Military H.Q. No. 174.

There will be no more parades until further Orders.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 10th Feb. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. T.O.E.T.

Tues. 11th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Training Cadre. Those detailed.

Thurs. 13th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Training Cadre. Those detailed.

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Half day training.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Sun. 9th-Sat. 15th Feb. (inclusive). Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements.

Dress—K.D. jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, belt, black boots.

Duty Officer—Lt. T. R. Parsons.

Tues. 11th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. L.G. instruction Class. Dress as arranged.

Thurs. 13th Feb. Hung Hom Railway Workshops. 5.30 p.m. Transport Section. Mechanical instruction. Bus will leave Kowloon Ferry 5.20 p.m. Dress—Mufli.

Thurs. 13th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Squad Drill. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap, shoes.

Sun. 16th Feb. H.Q. 9 a.m. All day training. Company photograph before exercise for both Transport and Supplies Sections. Whole Company must attend including Reserves. Dress—K.D. jacket, shorts, hose tops, boots, puttees, S.D. cap and leather belt (greatcoat if necessary).

(m) Field Ambulance

Wed. 12th Feb. There will be no unit parade. N.C.O.'s. and those detailed to attend N.C.O.'s. Class will parade at 2 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots and belt.

Pay. All those who attended the Battery camps and the first training camp at Fanling last November and who have not yet received their pay for these camps together with all those who attended the second training camp at Fanling will draw their pay on Wed. 12th Feb. at 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufli.

(n) Pay Section

Fri. 14th Feb. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress—Mufli. Web belt and frog to be brought. Overalls and rifles will be drawn. Duty Officer—2/Lt. R. J. Shrigley.

(o) Fortress Signal Company

Tues. 11th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Revision as detailed.

Thurs. 13th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Revision as detailed.

CORPS ORDERS AMENDMENT

(a) Corps Orders No. 51/41 of the 20.9.40 para. 8. Strength-Decrease. Delete "3713. Spr. W. L. Ramsey, Fd. Coy. Engineers. 11.9.40".

(b) Corps Orders No. 6/41 dated 31.1.41. Para. 6. Appointments & Promotions. Delete the name of "DR178. Pte. A. B. Clemo".

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

4128. Pte. V. V. MacDonnell, A.S.C. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 24.1.41; 3478. Bdr. Kam Yu Oi, 4th Bty., to be Gnr. 3.2.41; 3435. L/Bdr. E. All, 4th Bty., to be Bdr. 3.2.41; 3811. Gnr. M. Villa-Carlos, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr. 3.2.41; 3476. Gnr. Chu Kam Yin, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr. 3.2.41; 3483. Gnr. Wah Pao, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr. 3.2.41; 3504. Gnr. F. Shanks, 2nd Bty., to be L/Bdr. 7.2.41; 2354. Signm. W. J. Thomson, Corps Signals, to be L/Cpl. 7.2.41; 3140. Signm. B. K. Yip, Corps Signals, to be A. L/Cpl. 7.2.41; 3201. Signm. W. E. Corps Signals, to be A. L/Cpl. 7.2.41; 2930. Pte. H. R. Darby, Mob. Coln., to be L/Cpl. 7.2.41; 1359. A/Sgt. W. H. G. Hirst, Corps Sigs., to be Signm. 7.2.41; 2618. L/Cpl. Wong Quincey, Corps Sigs., to be Signm. 7.2.41; 2099. L/Cpl. V. C. Bond, Mob. Coln., to be Pte. 7.2.41.

* At his own request.

TRANSFERS

4119. Pte. G. Henderson, from No. 2 Coy. to Fd. Coy. Engs., 4.2.41; 3715. Spr. W. L. Ramsey, from Fd. Coy. Engs. to A.S.C. Coys., 6.2.41; 1359. A/Sgt. W. H. G. Hirst, from Corps Sigs. to Unit Res., 7.2.41.

LEAVE

4431. Pte. Jalal Din, Sp. Guard Coy., 21.9.40-12.1.41; 3634. Sgt. K. Mitchell, Mob. Coln., 2.1.41-9.1.41; 3311. Pte. R. Kopelman, No. 1 Company, 14.1.41-28.2.41; 3924. Pte. Rahim Dad, Sp. Guard Coy., 22.1.41-21.9.41; 4437. Pte. Bahader Khan, Spr. Guard Coy., 22.1.41-21.9.41; 2202. Pte. L. A. Sequeira, No. 5 Company, 24.1.41-23.2.41; 4233. Spr. B. Bocharoff, Fd. Coy. Engs., 24.1.41-23.4.41; 2862. Pte. Chan Hon Yin, No. 4 Coy., 25.1.41-7.2.41; 2418. Pte. L. A. Elarte, No. 6 Coy., 29.1.41-28.2.41; 4394. Pte. Li Yun Gun, No. 4 Coy., 30.1.41-27.3.41; 2239. L/Cpl. F. A. Broadbridge, No. 3 Coy., 31.1.41-31.3.41; 4246. Gnr. A. S. Bliss, 1st Bty., 1.2.41-28.2.41; 4180. Pte. J. G. McKenna, Mob. Coln., 1.2.41-28.2.41; 2621. Gnr. George Ng, 4th Bty., 1.2.41-31.3.41; 1190. Pte. E. A. V. Remedios, No. 6 Coy., 1.2.41-14.12.41; 4520. Signm. C. R. Lawrence, Corps Sigs., 3.2.41-28.2.41; 4504. Pte. D. L. Pecorini, Mob. Coln., 3.2.41-13.2.41; 2600. Gnr. J. R. Carr, 1st Bty., 4.2.41-17.3.41; 2877. Pte. A. J. de C. Basto, No. 5 Coy., 4.2.41-3.3.41; 940. Gnr. J. B. Pomeroy, 1st Bty., 5.2.41-4.4.41; 3348. Gnr. S. D. Gerzo, 1st Bty., 5.2.41-18.2.41; DR113. Gnr. H. N. Williamson, 2nd Bty., 6.2.41-16.2.41; 4550. Pte. F. M. Ellis, A.S.C. Coy., 18.2.41-11.3.41; Capt. J. Watson, 1st Bty., 20.2.41-12.6.41; Capt. D. L. Strellett, A.S.C. Coy., 18.4.41-6.8.41; DR194. Gnr. J. C. Chalmers, 5th A.A. Bty., No. 3 Sec., 24.4.41-23.7.41; 3660. Pte. A. Ritchie, Corps H.Q., 16.5.41-15.12.41.

The following leave is cancelled: Lieut. W. H. Owen, Corps Art. H.Q., 5.2.41-9.2.41.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

3507. Gnr. Luke Wingay, 3rd Bty., 15.7.40; DR227. Pte. A. L. Powell, A.S.C. Coy., 26.11.40; 3514. Pte. V. F. Souza, No. 5 Coy., 8.1.41; 2247. Gnr. M. D. Watson, 1st Bty. Res., 16.1.41; 3243. Pte. F. C. Grant, Mob. Coln., 22.1.41; 4414. Pte. E. S. Moore, No. 1 Coy., 1.2.41; 3413. Spr. B. G. Milenko, Fd. Coy. Engs., 2.2.41.

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"I attacked the main bomber formation, about 20 of them, with the rest of my squadron. I did a beam attack on the first Dornier and saw no effect. It then dropped slightly behind the main formation and one member of the crew jumped out, his parachute opening immediately.

"I claim this Dornier as damaged."

"The enemy bomber formation then broke up and I dived on a second Dornier. I gave him a five-second burst, from slightly above, and noticed brilliant flame coming from him. The Dornier then reached the clouds, and I broke off my attack.

"I claim this Dornier as probably destroyed."

"If he had followed it down, he might have seen it crash. He was content instead to get on with the job."

"Finally," he said, "I attacked another lone Dornier and gave it a seven-second burst, when I had to throttle back and swerve away to avoid hitting it. I followed the Dornier down through the clouds and picked it up again beneath them. I made one more attack and the Dornier went into a steep dive and crashed with a large explosion.

"This Dornier I claim as destroyed."

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NOTICE

Rifle Club. Results of the Rifle meeting, held in conjunction with the H.K.R.A. Spoon Shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, 2nd February, 1941.

Nett Spoon—Pte. J. A. da Cruz-Sequeira.

H'cap Spoon—Pte. J. P. Prettejohn, Pte. A.P. Brown and L/Cpl. N. D. Booker.

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Fri., 14.2.41. Entertainment Rehearsal, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Any members who would like to join the entertainment party are requested to attend.

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INDIANS TO PLAY CHINESE BASEBALLERS TO-MORROW

Saints Should Beat Filipinos

Mohawks Must Secure Scalps Of The Cyclones

By "Grandstand"

IN THE OPENER OF THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE TRIPLE BILL ON THE KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND AT 12.30 P.M. TO-MORROW THE INDIANS TAKE ON THE CHINESE BASEBALLERS IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A VERY INTERESTING TUSSLE.

Since their sensational win over the Mohawks last week, Indian pennant hopes have again been revived, and they will be all out to take this tilt.

Kassa Nazarin and "Tarzan" Ismail will be the battery for the Indians, whilst Denham Cray and Nip Lum will work for the Liumen. Nazarin has more control of the ball, and although Cray's last one has fooled many a would-be batter, the Indians should be able to connect him often enough for a victory.

Romeo Hamet will hold first sack for the Indians with Obea Arculli at the hot corner, whilst the keystone combination will be Baby Abbas and Kitchell. Outfielders will be manager Ahwo Omar, Maden "Shun" Arculli and "Savage" Hassan.

Saints Should Win

St Joseph's meet the Filipinos at 1.45 p.m. With the pennant as good as wrapped up, the Collegians should be able to down the Islanders in their march to victory. Mentor Choppy Omar is still undecided whether to start Frankie Gonzales or relief hurler Charlie Manson on the mound.

Gonzales has more experience, but Manson has more speed in his pitches at the sacrifice of accuracy.

The line-up will be as usual—Stan Leonard, Art Ozorio, George Souza and Dave Leonard infield, with Henry Ali, Jindoo Hassan and Albert Leonard chasing them in the cabbage path.

Tatong Amper, who pitched the Islanders to victory over the Canadian Chinese last week, will be on the mound again with Bob Laurel assuming catching duties.

Mohawk Stock Drops

Mohawk stock has dropped somewhat after the disastrous defeat at the hands of the Indians last week, but in spite of this they should be able to take "Sunburn" Omar's Cyclones for a buggy ride.

With still a spark of hope for the gonfalon, and with supporters clamouring for a

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SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

SENIOR LEAGUE

(At the Kowloon Football Club Ground)
Indian Softballers v Chinese Baseballers
(12.30 p.m.)
(Harry Campos, Vancy Marques and Al Leonard.)
St. Joseph's v Filipinos
(1.45 p.m.)
(Hucklal Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Tommy Chan.)
Hong Kong Baseballers v Cyclones
(3.00 p.m.)
(Johnnie Alvares, Al Leonard and A. V. Gosano.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE

(At the Chatham Road Military Football Ground)
South China v Liga Portuguesa
(9.0 a.m.)
(Mike Mendonca, Wilfred Lawrence and Plug Gillespie.)
Recreio Bees v R.A.F.
(10.15 a.m.)
(Cecil Winglee, Cesar Coelho and Daddy Souza.)
V.R.C. v Royal Scots
(11.30 a.m.)
(Plug Gillespie, Cecil Winglee and Tommy Young.)

LADIES' LEAGUE

(At the Kowloon Football Ground)
Wildcats v Little Flowers
(9.30 a.m.)
(Nick Beltrao, Charlie Figueredo and Dave Walker.)
Wahoos v Canadian Chinese
(11.00 a.m.)
(Doc Molthen, Kassa Nazarin and Tommy Chan.)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

(At the Marina Ground)
Greenspots v Hong Kong Bankers
(10.30 a.m.)
(Bob Laurel, Art Ribeiro and "Tex" Ng.)

CLUB AND NAVY SHARE HOCKEY SPOILS

At King's Park yesterday, Hong Kong Hockey Club shared four goals with Navy in their Quadrangular Hockey game after leading at the interval by the only goal scored.

Club were one player short, which was a great handicap. Benwell played well in goal for Club while W. Reed in the pivotal position was impressive. In the attack B. Gosano and Morgan were the most prominent.

Gunner was the best player in the Navy defence while Hall at right half was also good. Gemmell and Collid shone in the attack.

Morgan scored for Club in the first half and, on the resumption, Collid equalised for Navy but B. Gosano took the lead for the Club shortly after.

This lead was only short lived for Bartlett registered the equaliser for the Navy soon after.

CLUB—Benwell, J. Gonsalves and E. L. Gosano; McLellan, W. Reed and Gilchrist; Spencelayh, Morgan, B. Gosano and Banks.
NAVY—Ravenscroft, Greenway and Gunner; Hall, Carter and Thums; Flinnie, Gemmell, Collid, Bartlett and Letts.

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICE CANCELLED

Owing to the unfit state of the ground the hockey match between the probable Interport team and Indian Army arranged for this afternoon has been postponed. The "Y" games have also been cancelled.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

WAHOOS ALL OUT TO BEAT THE CANADIAN CHINESE

By "Grandstand"

WHEN THE WAHOOS clash with the Canadian Chinese to-morrow at 11.00 a.m. fans should be treated to a very closely contested softball game.

Making a bid for the pennant in the home stretch, the green-shirted Owls find that they cannot afford to lose another decision, and will be all out to take this one as they near the wire.

The pitching assignment for the Wahoos will be given to Therese Noronha, with Jackie Anderson catching.

Given support behind her, the "Big Chief" should be able to hold down the Maple Leaf aggregation with her control, whilst the Canuckettes will find it hard to sneak anything off handsnatcher Jackie Anderson.

The initial sack will be taken care of by Yvonne Yolie, whilst Socorro Castro will guard the mid-way station with Irene Castilho on the other side of the bag. Ida "Sweet-Apple-Cider" Castro will be at the far turn.

Jeannette "Blondie" Yolie, Bee-bun Abbas and "Coco" Yolie will be the gardeners.

No Staying Power

As usual the Canuckettes depend mainly on hurler Mary Ng, who despite all the ballyhoo, proved to be only a three-inning chucker in her last game with the Wildcats. It will be recalled that she registered all her strikeouts in the first three stanzas and allowed seven safeties in the next three frames.

The Canadians will in all probability field the same line-up as last week, with Rene Yuen, Ulian Khoo, Alice Mar and Mabel Bunn around the bases, and Vivienne Louie, Jay Wong and Mavis Chang patrolling the wide open spaces.

Umpires in this game will be "Doc" Molthen, Kassa Nazarin and T. Chan.

At 9.30 a.m. the Little Flowers come up against the pennant-challengers, the Wildcats. With Thelma Collaco and Cynthia Motta as the battery for the Untamed Felines, the Florinhas won't get tired running around the bases.

Umpires will be Nick Beltrao, Charlie Figueredo and Dave Walker.

SOFTBALL TEAMS

Following are some of the softball team:

C.B.A.

Oliver, Pinky Higgins, Dan Fittinghoff, Tom Tomashevsky, Ted Gaubert, Marcus (Ronuk) Manning, Jimmy King, Tom Whitley and Dave (Mustachios) Blake.

INDIANS

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, will entertain the Bowlers at Government House on Wednesday at 3 p.m.



TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Combined Service (Navy, Army and Air Force) will meet Combined Volunteers (H.K.V.D.C. and H.K.N.V.F.) in a friendly Rugby game on the Sobokunpoo ground this afternoon at 4.15 p.m., the teams being as follows:

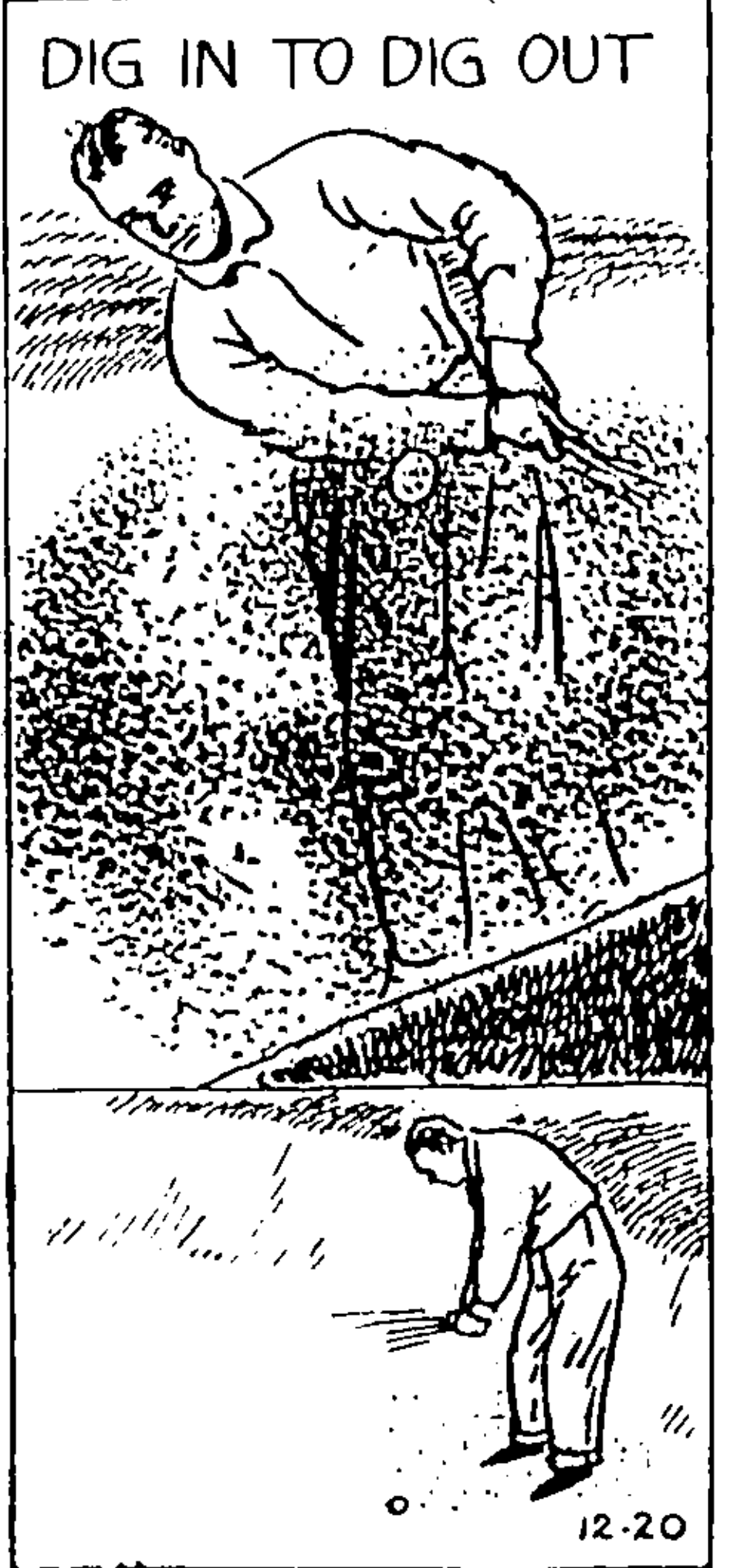
COMBINED SERVICES—Hony-will, (Navy); Bowden, (Navy); Douglass, (Army); Codrings, (Army); and Richards, (Army); Carter, (Navy); and Morgan, (Army); Sutherland, (Army); Ford, (Army); Manfield, (Royal Air Force); King, (Navy); Millar, (Army); Heath, (Army); Bompas, (Army); and Page, (Army).

COMBINED VOLUNTEERS—Taylor, (Navy); Leeuwen, Stewart, Carruthers and Day, Aitkenhead and Thomson; Walkden, Castleton (H.K.N.V.F.); Macrae; Needham; Gairdner; Kennedy; Godfrey and Stout.

At 3.15 p.m. Combined Services "A" will meet a Volunteer "A" fifteen.

A. K. Omar (Capt.), K. Nazarin, A. H. Ismail, S. Hamee, A. R. Abbas, A. R. Kitchell, O. el Arculli, M. el Arculli and Savage Hassan.

GRAPHIC GOLE



DIGGING IN

By BEST BALL

The explosion shot appears the safest method of getting the ball out of the sand trap, but it is necessary for the player to dig in both with feet and clubhead in order to loft the ball out. It isn't necessary to hit too forceful a blow, for it is only the ball not the bunker one has to move, nevertheless a decisive swing is necessary.

To make such a swing one's footing must be firm and for this reason it is necessary for the player to dig in the sand with his feet. Shifting sands underneath may move the stance and disturb the grooving of the stroke. The power imparted to the swing should be enough to drive it into the sand a short distance back of the ball, and continue driving it through so the sand under the ball is lifted into the air and with it the ball. Pressure must be maintained for it the clubhead ceases its momentum the explosion will be lacking. This means a follow through until the clubhead is well clear of the sand.

Next Article—Waggle, Wise Move.

TO-MORROW'S HOCKEY

The following will represent Central British Association Hockey Association Tournament, match against Khalsa, to be played at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow on the Police Ground, Boundary Street—T. Lockhart, V. C. Bond, D. Taylor, D. Parsons, N. E. M. Whitley and G. Ainslie; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, E. Fowler, W. Ore and F. Fowler.

CRAIGENGOWER EXPECTED TO BEAT RECREIO IN IMPORTANT JUNIOR MATCH THIS AFTERNOON

By "Adrem"

VOLUNTEER CAMPS will affect this week's programme of cricket fixtures and no Senior matches will be played this afternoon. There is, however, an extremely important match in Second Division.

Craigengower Cricket Club, who are making a bold bid for League honours in the face of a strong challenge by Kowloon Cricket Club, will be severely tested this afternoon against Recreio, who, despite their recent defeat at the hands of K.C.C., are not yet entirely out of the running.

Craigengower are evidently taking no chances and will have out just about their strongest possible team, which will include W. Hong Sling, who played in the first team last year, A. B. Hamson and U. M. Omar, all very experienced cricketers, while J. W. Leonard will also be making one of his rare appearances.

C.C.C. Better Balanced

Recreio will also have a strong team out although at best they are not as well-balanced, on paper, as their opponents of this afternoon. They have, however, one or two players—Silva the most notable—who are apt to win a match off their own bats but, having regard to the fact that the venue is Happy Valley I expect Craigengower to win.

The other League match, between I. R. C. and Civil Service should be very open and a victory one way or the other will not occasion very much surprise.

A University team, assisted by some of the better Civil Service senior players, will be entertained by Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly at Cox's Road.

Following is to-day's programme and some of the teams.

SECOND LEAGUE
C.C.C. v Recreio
I.R.C. v C.S.C.C.

FRIENDLIES

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v K.C.C. 2nd XI
Army v Craigengower
K.C.C. v University

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Patterson, E. W. Pudnev, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark and W. Stoker.

C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsaye, A. N. Other and A. N. Other.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hunt, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay, R. Leigh and F. Crabb.

Recreio 2nd XI:—E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, P. M. N. da Silva, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, M. A. Remedios, J. A. Soares, B. T. Gosano, A. H. Remedios and L. A. Remedios.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange, G. G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

C.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling and W. K. Way.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, F. Goodwin, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch and J. R. Luke. Umpire: W. W. Parsons; Scorer: J. W. Bertram.

CAMP AFFECTS SOCCER

Volunteer camp has caused the postponement of several League football games but three leading Chinese teams are engaged and only Sing Tao appear to have a hard task against them when they meet Kowloon.

Sing Tao will be at full strength, while Kowloon will be fielding their Shield team which went down to Kwong Wah last week.

Several important games are down for decision in Third Division and it is probable that the positions of the leading teams will be changed after the week-end.

Air Force will be sorely tested by 24th R.A. while Signals will find 36th R.A. a hard obstacle.

LAI WAH CUP FINAL

At the meeting of the League Management Committee held last night it was decided that the Final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition be played on Club ground on Sunday, February 16, at 3.30 p.m.

Civilians are making no changes from the team which beat Navy in the Semi-final while Hossack, an original selection, will return to the Army team, which is otherwise unchanged.

GARRISON SNOOKER

Royal Army Medical Corps, who have one of the strongest teams in the Garrison Snooker League made an excellent start this week when they made a clean sweep against Signals "A", who were beaten by five frames to nil. Other scores were:

Royal Corps of Signals and Garrison Military Police shared six frames; R. A. Sergeants' Mess, Stanley, and Royal Engineers "A" shared six frames; Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess beat Pay Corps five frames to one.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the soccer programme for the coming week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION	
Sing Tao (Club, 4.15 p.m.)	v Kowloon
South China (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	v St. Joseph's
SECOND DIVISION	
Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	v Service Corps
Sing Tao (Club, 2.45 p.m.)	v Club
Ordnance (Military, 4.15 p.m.)	v Engineers
Police (Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)	v Kowloon
30th R.A. (Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)	v Middlesex
South China (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	v Kwong Wah
THIRD DIVISION	
12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)	v Service Corps
Shell (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	v Engineers
Medicals (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)	v 35th R.A.
	(Military, 2.45 p.m.)

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION	
Navy (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)	v Eastern
SECOND DIVISION	
Navy (Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)	v Royal Scots
THIRD DIVISION	
36th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	v Signals
20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	v 7th R.A.
International (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	v A.S.A.
Air Force (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	v 24th R.A.

GARRISON SNOOKER

Following are the results of matches played in the Garrison Snooker League on February 3:—

ROYAL SIGNALS "A" NIL	
R.A.M.C. 6 FRAMES	
Sgt. Sprout 35	Pte. Howe 45
Sgt. Lithauer 23	Pte. Furnell 59
Sgt. Allen 19	Pte. Whybro 64
Sgt. Hutchison 40	Cpl. Harvey 81
Sgt. Temple 16	Lt. Dixon 78
Sgt. McCann 41	Pte. Jones 75
R. SIGNALS CORPS 3 FRAMES	
C.M. POLICE 3 FRAMES	
Cpl. Wathen 42	L/C. Teggarty 45
L/C. Dove 40	L/C. Martin 34
L/C. Wright 39	L/C. Clift 32
Cpl. Copsey 62	Sgt. Whifton 41
L/C. Murphy 23	Sgt. Whelpton 44
L/C. Love 38	L/C. Willis 66
R.A. STAT. SERGTS' MESS, STANLEY 3 FRAMES; R.E. "A" 3 FRAMES	
Sgt. Boyes 37	L/C. Thompson 39
B.Q.M.S. Dicks 42	Cpl. Helson 53
Sgt. Sheppard 62	Spr. Hawkins 39
L/S. Freer 57	Spr. Ratcliffe 15
B.S.M. Rawlings 39	L/C. Allo 47
B.Q.M.S. Pettit 62	Spr. Hamon 35
R.E. SERGTS' MESS 5 FRAMES	
R.A.P.C. 1 FRAME	
S/S. Colquhane 50	S/S. Adlam 16
S/S. Megson 85	S/S. Chalcraft 28
S/S. Brannon 57	S.S.M. Spiers 32
S/S. Davis 34	S/S. Carden 37
S/S. Adams 51	Cpl. Ingleby 50
S/S. Rogers 51	S/S. James 29

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday in the Large Units Rugby League, Middlesex Regiment caused a surprise by beating Combined S m a 11

Units, one of the strongest teams in this League, by 11 points to 3. Outstanding players in the Middlesex side were Capt. Man, Sgt. Freshwater, Sgt. Burrell, Pte. Berry and Pte. Sheehan.

This was the first time this season that Freshwater and Sheehan, both of the Battalion soccer eleven, had turned out, and they were well to the fore, Freshwater scoring a good try, after beating several of his opponents, in the closing stages of the game, while Berry scored a penalty goal and also converted one try.

Small Units did not produce the same standard of play as in previous matches, Macdonald scoring their only try.

Engineers, winners of the Small Units Rugby League, snatched two points from Royal Artillery in the last few minutes of the game when Foley took the ball over the line, the final score being 9 points to 8.

This was a more even match, with both sides making several good movements. Birrell, playing his usual hard game, was the Sappers' best player.

The Gunners were well served by their pack, and their scrum-half did well in getting the ball back on several occasions.

Davis, Birrell, and Foley scored tries for the Sappers, as did Easterbrook and Marsh for the Gunners. Keeble converted Easterbrook's try.

So far only four games have been played in this League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	1	1	0	0	2
R. Engineers	1	1	0	0	2
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	2
Royal Artillery	2	1	0	1	2
C. S. Units	2	0	0	2	0

NEXT month we come to the Annual Area Cross Country, and this year there will be two separate runs, one for the British Units, and

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Country

British ranks of the Artillery Regts., and one for Indian Units, and Indian ranks of the Artillery Regiments. Both runs will take place on Tuesday, March 4, alternative date being Thursday March 6.

The course has not yet been decided upon, but will be run somewhere in the vicinity of the Kowloon Rifle Ranges.

Many Units are getting ready for this meeting, and Engineers are holding their annual sports on March 11.

The 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., are in strict training, and will be holding their Annual Sports towards the end of March.

THE Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation have accepted the Army challenge to a Sports Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 4, in aid of British and Chinese War charities, the meeting to consist of track and field events.

The Army should be able to produce some good talent for this meeting.

It is hoped that Police, H.K.V.D. Corps, and South China will participate in which event the meeting would be a huge success.

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday Association Royal Army Service Corps beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 4-2, after Ordnance had been twice in the lead.

The Service Corps piled on three quick goals towards the end of the match.

The Service Corps have now scored 85 goals in League matches and should be able to break the goals record which is 90 goals in one season. They have another eight matches to play, and are only three points behind the Engineers, but have played one more game.

S/Sgt. Duffield, in the pivotal position for the Ordnance, played a hard game throughout and gave numerous passes to his forwards, and if they had had two good wingers, they might have taken both the points.

The Service Corps well deserved their win, being more dangerous in front of the goal, although they missed a lot.

Royal Engineers are also in the running for the goals record, having 77 goals, with 9 more matches to play.

THIS season the Services teams are all out to gain possession of this trophy, and have entered 17 teams.

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Engineers have the strongest seven and their possible team is Pictou, Birrell, Jones, Foley, who is one of the Army's best scrum-halves, Apperly, Brinkley, and She'drake, all these have at some time played for the Army.

Combined Small Units should be able to produce a strong seven which will include Lieut. Combes, one of the Army's best players, and Sgt. Hammen of the Service Corps, who is the finest full-back in the Colony at present.

The remainder of their team may be composed of Macdonald, Morgan, Mohan, and Capt. Scriven.

Middlesex have not yet decided on their team, but they have several fast players who would be a great asset to them in this competition. The following team should do well:—Capt. Man, Capt. Hewitt, Lieut. Weedon, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Burrell, Sgt. Freshwater, and Pte. Jones.

Royal Scots should also produce a strong team, and have several players to pick from. Capt. Douglas is an excellent back, and Capt. Duke, 2/Lieut. Millar, 2/Lieut. Forde, 2/Lieut. Pinkerton, Cpl. Sutherland and L/Cpl. Carle might go a long way in this competition.

FENCING—a new sport introduced to the Middlesex Regiment by Lieut. R. W. H. Willoughby, who is an expert at the art, is already holding the interest of the battalion.

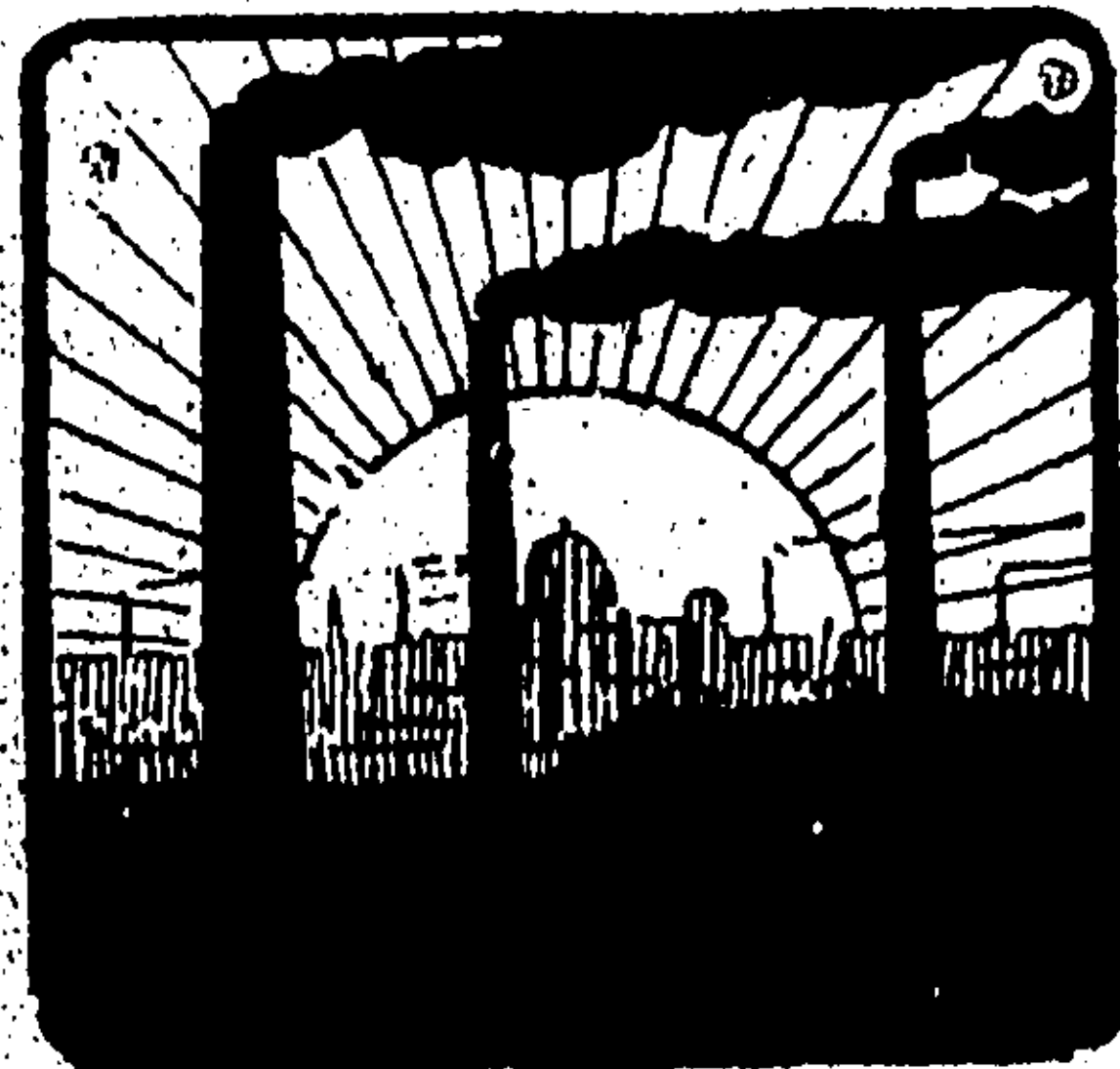
Classes are being held three times a week in the barracks under the supervision of the above-named Officer.

It is hoped that in the near future competitions will be held between Units stationed in the Colony.

The Royal Scots have also been training in this sport during the last six months.

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Battle Cooperation Between R.A.F. And The Army

HOUSE DEFEATS AMENDMENT ON RUSSIA

An amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill making Russia the only specific exception among nations "whose defence President Roosevelt deems vital to the defence of the United States," and which conceivably would be provided with military equipment from the United States, was defeated by 185 votes to 94 in the House of Representatives yesterday in Washington.

-- Reuter.

BURMA ROAD AGAIN ATTACKED

As result of a raid by Japanese naval aircraft yesterday both the new and old Kungkuo bridges on the Burma road, which the Chinese had been repairing, have been "destroyed to a point beyond repair," claims a Japanese naval communique issued in Tokyo.

The communique adds that the planes which took part in the concentrated attack returned safely to base.-- Reuter.

Important Tactical Decisions

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

IMPORTANT TACTICAL decisions concerning future battle cooperation between the R.A.F. and the British Army have been reached. Object is to improve on the traditional role of the Luftwaffe operating with the German army.

The decisions are a sequel to the creation of the new Army Cooperation Command of the R.A.F. which was recently announced.

An intensive training programme is now in progress in preparation either for an attempted invasion by the Germans or for operations by a new British Expeditionary Force.

Aerial support for the British Army takes two forms—close and direct.

Since the Battle of France a new technique of close support has been developed. This form of support is most advantageous in a pre-determined large-scale attack.

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Low-level bombing, for which medium bombers are particularly suitable, is being encouraged and exercises between squadrons and land troops are proceeding in various parts of Britain.

Direct support has been outstandingly successful in the Middle East. It isolates enemy troops by bombing their reserves and

communications and, where possible, enemy aircraft on the ground.

Such tactics would probably be used against an enemy attempting to invade Britain.

Direct support bombers would plaster the enemy's ships and barges, cutting off the landing forces from reinforcements.

Either of these methods in themselves is new; they were tried on the Western Front and in Palestine during the last war but from a study of their full-scale application by the Luftwaffe last year Britain is developing what is hoped will be an improved technique.-- Reuter.

R.A.F. MEN GET THEIR "WINGS"

More evidence of the fruits of the rapidly growing Empire air training scheme was provided yesterday when a contingent of R.A.F. personnel from Britain, who had completed their training in Canada, returned with their "wings."

They were accompanied by new Australian and Canadian pilots.

The new pilots arrived at a Scottish port and will be followed at regular intervals by thousands of volunteers, including men hailing from Australia, Ceylon, the Malay States and other parts of the Empire.

The British contingent, mainly sergeant pilots, joined the R.A.F. early in the war and completed their ground training at home before being sent to Canada some months ago.-- Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS AT BENGHAZI

The fall of Benghazi has caused the utmost satisfaction in New Delhi where interest in the African campaign is heightened by the distinguished part played by Indian troops.

It was not generally known that our forces had advanced so far.-- Reuter.

WAVELL MASTER- STROKE OUTWITS THE ITALIANS

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country. Instead, British armoured troops swept across 130 miles of barren and waterless desert from El Mechili along tracks only used occasionally by caravans.

They thus attacked Benghazi from the east, appearing like a bolt from out of the desert long before the Italians had expected an attack.-- Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Japan is considering a formal declaration of war on China, for the purpose of demanding belligerent rights and in order to establish a blockade of Rangoon, in the Indian Ocean, according to the Scripps-Howard papers in America.

They add that Japan, however, has first asked Berlin to bring pressure to bear on Moscow to get Russian supplies to China stopped and a non-aggression pact arranged between Moscow and Tokyo.

The papers also report that Germany is trying hard to bring about such an entente in order to free Japan's hands for a diversion in the Pacific, in an endeavour to paralyse further American aid for Britain.-- Reuter.

An Order issued by the Controller of Trade prohibits the export, except under licence, of cement.

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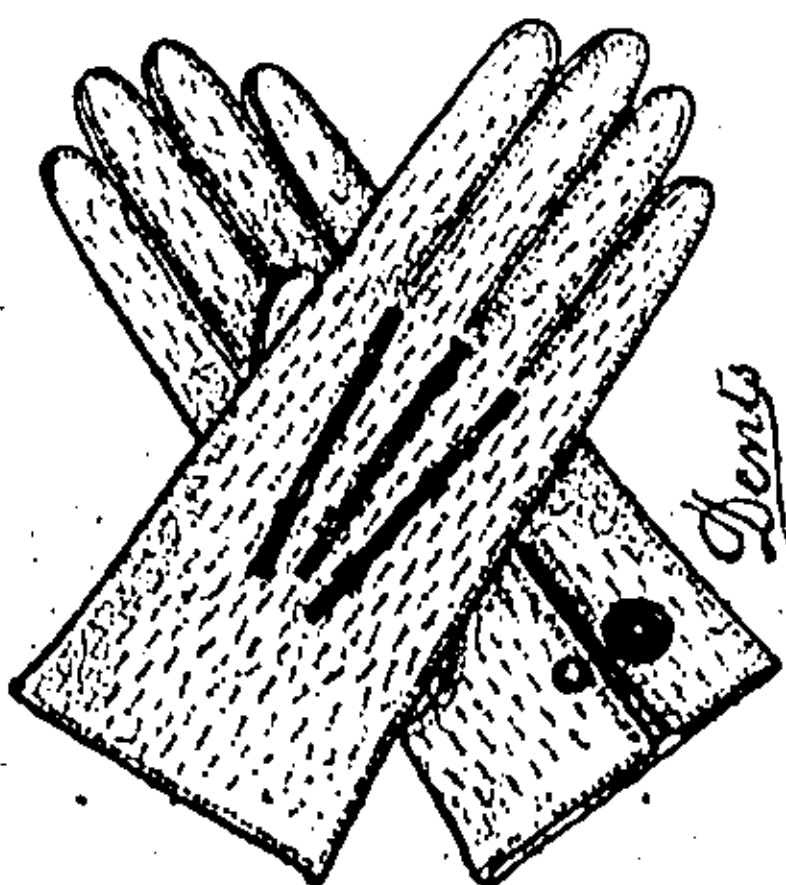
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